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Thatcher carries Commons on Anglo-Irish deal

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday sold the Anglo-Irish agreement to the House of Commons as an offer of hope for those in both Ulster communities who wanted to defeat the terrorists.

Downing Street sources last night expressed their delight at the Commons response, and said that they were confident that the accord would be endorsed by the House after a two-day debate scheduled for next week.

Mrs Thatcher said that the intergovernmental conference would meet as soon as practicable after the agreement had been approved by parliament and the Dail.

The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, said last night that the unionist MPs planned to resign their Commons seats next week and hoped for mass by-elections on December 19. However, Commons managers are expected to attempt to stall any by-elections into the New Year.

Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the official Unionists, warned Mrs Thatcher in the Commons that legal instructions had been given to seek a judicial review of parts of the agreement and that intiial court steps were expected within 48 hours. Mrs Thatcher indicated that the Commons would go ahead with next week's debate and vote regardless.

She also dismissed the disparate attacks on the agreement raised by Unionists, a handful of Conservative backbench rebels and Labour MPs who support the cause of reunification.

The Unionists, including Mr Paisley, spoke of treachery and deceit, desolation and shame, and even an act of "political prostitution".

Mr Ivor Stanbrook, Conservative MP for Orpington, said that the Government was offering the republic a legally enforceable right to intervene in the domestic affairs of the United Kingdom

Two Republican terrorists shot dead an off-duty Ulster Defence Regiment sergeant in his garden in Londonderry last night. The man was believed to be in his fifties with four grown-up children.

But the clear view of the House was put by Mr William Benyon, a member of the Conservative backbench 1922 committee executive, who said that the British people as a whole "won't take very kindly to people who seek to frustrate the will of this Parliament and who call themselves loyalists".

The Prime Minister also received a strong fillip from Mr Ian Gow, who resigned from the Government on Friday

In a direct rebuke to Mr Enoch Powell and other unionists, he repudiated charges of treachery levelled against the Prime Minister and said: "Restraint in public utterances will assist, and intimidatory and inflammatory public utterances will injure the true cause of Ulster".

But the marked uncertainty and divisions of the opponents were remarkably underscored by the all-party support for the hopes embodied in the agreement.

Mr Roy Hattersley, speaking for the Labour Party in Mr Kinnock's absence abroad, said: "Nobody suggests that this agreement is without flaws. No such agreement could be. But it does offer some hope to the people of Northern Ireland and it is for that reason that we wish it well".

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, said that "this creative step" was preferable to the status quo of bitterness, division and bloodshed. He also asked the Prime Minister to agree that those who were not prepared to accept the decisions of the sovereign Parliament should stop calling themselves loyalist.

At a joint meeting of Conservative backbench Foreign Affairs and Northern Ireland committees, attended by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Ulster, observers were impressed by the degree of support for the agreement. One government source said: "It has exceeded expectations".

But in the House itself Mrs Thatcher repeatedly emphasized the factor that will concern the Unionist majority in the province. She said: "Decisions north of the border are for the United Kingdom; decisions south of the border are for the republic".

But the theme of the statement, and the response, was one of hope. The Prime Minister told Mr John Hume, the SDLP Member for Foyle: "Whenever there is a change, hopes and fears are raised on both sides.

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Mrs Reagan (left) and Mrs Gorbachov making a stylish comparison at the welcoming ceremonies. Mrs Reagan wore a full length mink coat and matching hat while Mrs Gorbachov was in a grey wool coat with a fur collar and matching fur hat.

Hunt for volcano survivors goes on

From Trevor Fishlock Armero, and Geoffrey Matthews, Bogota

Survivors of the Colombian volcano disaster were still being found alive yesterday, five days after the Nevado del Ruiz erupted, burying towns and killing an estimated 25,000 people.

The Colombian authorities have pledged to continue the search for survivors and have postponed fumigation of the disaster zone.

A boy aged five was rescued from seething mud at Guayabal in the central region of Colombia yesterday.

The mud-plastered bundle of bones – at first thought to be lifeless – was hosed down, and after oxygen and massages were applied, the boy responded. He was taken to hospital by helicopter amid the cheers – and tears – of rescue workers and journalists.

The miracle fully confirmed the wisdom of the Government's decision to press on with rescue work and postpone fumigation. "We will keep looking until we have found the very last Colombian trapped in the zone", said the Minister of Health, Rafael de Zubiria Gómez, "but we must also protect the lives of survivors from epidemics." Outbreaks of typhoid have already been reported in Armero.

Yesterday the Nevado del Ruiz remained relatively tranquil, although French vulcanologist Haroun Tazieff, a world expert on the phenomena, warned after flying over it: "The danger has not passed and people must stay on the alert."

They were. Campesinos, local people for whom the volcano has long been known as the "sleeping giant", continued to stay awake at night for fear of being caught by surprise again by its wrath.

Even so, for the time being the danger seemed to be receding. The levels of local rivers, whose overflowing banks had caused devastating floods after the peak's snow and ice melted, were reported to be falling. Rain, which has for days hampered rescue work, ceased at last.

Although most of the 25,000 peiple killed lie buried beneath many feet of glutinous mud, there are still hundreds of bodies on the surface or only half covered.

There was an official announcement that Armero would be declared *campo santo* – consecrated as a mass grave – and that spraying or burning might start as early as yesterday. But survivors of the disaster, some of them still camped in the hillsides or living in the houses remaining on higher ground, demanded that the searching should go on.

There were reports of voices being heard under the wreck-

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Twelve shot dead by Cape police

Twelve blacks were killed during clashes with the South African police over the weekend, mainly in the Eastern Cape, the police reported. Eight of the deaths were at Queenstown, where police firing shotguns clashed repeatedly with crowds of black youths throwing stones and petrol bombs Earlier story, page 7

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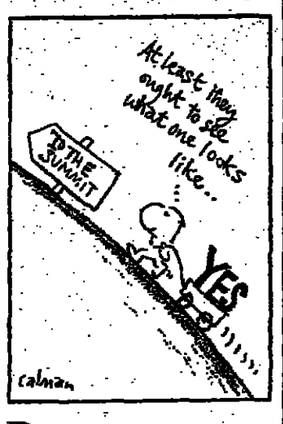
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Tough new powers enabling the courts to strip drug traffickers of all their assets are expected to be included in a Bill to be tabled before Christmas Page 3

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Gorbachov pledges to work at Geneva for positive results

From Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent, Geneva

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, arrived here yesterday for his crucial two-day summit meeting with President Reagan promising to strive for "positive results" towards ending the arms race and working towards lasting peace.

The day was cold and grey as the current state of East-West relations when the I162 Aeroflot jet carrying Mr Gorbachov, his wife Raisa, and the official Soviet delegation touched down at Geneva airport.

In his arrival statement, the Soviet leader, who seemed to be suffering from a cold, said he and Mr Reagan would see what they could do to "halt the unprecedented arms race in the world, and its extension to new spheres, to relieve mankind from the threat of nuclear war, and to ensure peace and further fruitful co-operation between the peoples".

The world was expecting positive results from the Geneva summit, he declared, as his wife, President Furgler of Switzerland, and a huge contingent of journalists listened attentively. "I can assure you that on our part we shall seek precisely such an outcome from this important meeting."

The stage is now set for the opening session of the summit which will begin at 9am (GMT) today at the Fleur d'Eau mansion on the outskirts of Geneva, which is serving as the American venue for the first day of the two-day conference.

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The two leaders will begin with a short private meeting which will only be attended by interpreters. American sources said this would give the two men, who have never met before, the opportunity to "exchange personal views and to size each other up".

Mr Gorbachov will speak first and then President Reagan will make a presentation of the American point of view which Mr Robert McFarlane, the National Security Adviser, promised to be "vintage Reagan".

Mr McFarlane said the President would be specific in proposing ways of establishing a framework within which to tackle problems in four areas – arms control, regional conflict, human rights and bilateral issues – over the long-term.

"The President is interested in solving problems," Mr McFarlane said. This meant understanding that "peace is not based on tomorrow's

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Mr Gorbachov: Cold comfort in Geneva

Ministers quit after boy's death

From Mario Modiano Athens

Two Greek ministers submitted their resignations last night after a 15-year-old schoolboy was shot dead by a policeman during riots in central Athens.

In letters to Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Prime Minister, Mr Agamemnon Koutsoyiorgas, Minister of the Interior and Public Order, and his Minister of State, Mr Thanasis Tsouras, asked to be relieved of their duties. But the Prime Minister refused to accept the resignations. Mr Tsouras had earlier dismissed the three senior commanders of the Greek police to facilitate an inquiry.

Protesting at the death, on Sunday night, of the young demonstrator, about 1,000 youths described by police as anarchists, went on a rampage through the city centre for the second successive night, smashing shop windows and throwing petrol bombs.

They later massed at the Polytechnic University and occupied the buildings, lighting bonfires outside

Mr Tsouras ordered the retirement of the three police generals to allow a full investigation of the killing

It was later announced that the arrested policeman, identified as Athanasios Melistas, would be committed before the prosecutor on charges of intentional murder.

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CBI cheers radical line on pay rises

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Abolition of the annual pay round and the elimination of unearned wage rises – paying "nowt for nowt" – emerged as the new radical hard line from Britain's industrial employers.

At the same time, the 800 delegates at the annual conference of the Confederation of British Industry in Harrogate, north Yorkshire, back-pedalled on the issue of employment law and rejected by about 10 to 1 a call for more trade union legislation.

Sir Terence Beckett, the director general, won considerable applause for his call for a revolution in business thinking over pay, leading to no rises "that are not related to achieved increases in outputs of goods or services".

The CBI has already urged a 4 per cent cut in wage increases in the coming two years, compared with 1984, which could mean for some companies a wages freeze in 1987.

The conference was marked by its unanimous agreement that the "something-for-nothing-syndrome" should be weeded out of society.

It also brought a renewed attack from Sir Terence on the Chancellor of the Exchequer's exchange and interest rate policies, while other speakers were critical of the City and the financial institutions for lack of involvement in company developments.

Sir Terence said that th inflation expected to fall to 3.5 per cent next year there was a "unique window of opportunity" to get pay settlements down. "If we blow the opporunity it may not come again for a long time".

He said Mr Lawson's fallback was to control inflation by putting up interest rates to force up the value of the pound. "Getting our pay settlements down would be a much, much better solution."

The CBI was not seeking a very low exchange rate but in five months this yeathe pound had lurched by 40 per cent against the dollar, causing instability and uncertainty which was destructive

Earlier, Sir Terence had described labour costs as Britain's Achilles heel. "We are paying ourselves increases that are completely out of line with those paid in West Germany, Japan and America. Our productivity improvements, which are spectacular in some cases, are, on average, no better than those being achieved over there.

The criticism of financial institutions was led by Mr Colin Perry, chairman of the West Midlands region and chairman and managing director of the Brimingham Mint, who said that financial community needed urgent critical examination.

"British public companies are exposed to a world in which only short-term considerations have priority, takeover fever rules, and industrial synergy comes a poor second to a fat wallet. This threatens to get even worse after next year's big bang in the stock market.

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Five jailed for hijack gun offences

By Our Foreign Staff

Five Palestinians charged with arms offences connected with the hijacking last month of the Achille Lauro curise ship were convicted and sentenced in Genoa yesterday to jail terms of four to nine years.

The court president, Signor *Carlo Maria Napoli*, handed down the verdict and sentences after two and half hours' deliberations with other judges.

The men were sentenced only on preliminary charges of illegal possession of arms and explosives. A separate trial is expected next year in connection with the hjack and the death of an American passenger, Mr Leon Klinghoffer.

The men sentenced yesterday and others under arrest are then expected to be tried for piracy with terrorist aims, leading to murder.

The proceedings yesterday were to ensure that investigations so far completed could be dealt with, and that the men would be available for the more important hearing.

Yesterday's heaviest sentence was imposed on Issa Mohammed Abbas, described by the prosecution as a relative and close associate of the *Palestinian leader Abu Abbas*, suspected by magistrats of masterminding the entire operation.

The defendant was convicted of bringing four Kalashnikov rifles, eight grenades and nine detonators into Italy in the false bottom of a car's petrol tank. Abbas, who was arrested five days before the Achille Lauro sailed from Genoa, was jailed for nine years and fined 3 million lire (£1,100).

***Majed Youssef Al-Molqi*, aged 23, alleged ringleader of the hijackers, was jailed for eight years, and fined 3 million lire; *Ibrahim Fatayer Abdel-Latif*, 20, was sentenced to seven years and three months, and fined 1 million lire; Bassam Al-Ashker was jailed for six and a half years and fined 1.5 million lire; and *Ahmed Marrouf Al-Assadi*, 23, received a four-year term and was fined 900,000 lire.**

Paris summits to settle Channel link's fate

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and President Mitterrand of France agreed yesterday to meet in Paris early next year to decide the fate of the Channel link, it was announced after the Franco-British consultation in Downing Street.

The decision on whether a bridge or a tunnel is to link the two countries will be taken in January. Mrs Thatcher will again visit Paris the following month to sign the treaty setting out the legal and economic framework for the Channel link.

A joint statement said the two countries also intend to increase trade, facilitate easier frontier crossings, and reduce delays for travellers

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Repayments put PSBR on course

Local authorities repaid a net £276 million to Whitehall last month, helping to put the Government's finances in much better shape than the City had expected.

The fall in the public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) led analysts to believe that the Treasury's forecast of an £8 billion PSBR for the whole of this financial year was now more realistic.

October's "negative" PSBR has left the total for the first seven months of the financial year at £5.3 billion. page 23

Waite back on Beirut mission

Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, last night flew to Paris on the way to Beirut to continue negotiations for the release of four American hostages held by Muslim extremists.

His unexpected return comes just 24 hours after he left the Lebanese capital where he said he had had "lengthy contacts" and had established trust with "the right people".

He had meetings on Sunday night and yesterday with the Archbishop, Dr Robert Runcie, who sent him to Beirut at the request of the Presbyterian Church. He also saw representatives of the United States Embassy in London.

The Americans are Father Lawrence Jenco, a Roman Catholic priest, Mr David Jacobson, a hospital director, Professor Thomas Sutherland, and Mr Terry Anderson, Associated Press bureau chief in Beirut. They are held by the Islamic Jihad group.

● The State Department in Washington expressed appreciation of Mr Waite's efforts and added: "We welcome hearing directly from Mr Waite about his contacts in Beirut. I can confirm that such a meeting has taken place today in the United Kingdom. But as Mr Waite observed, the situation is very delicate, lives are at stake and the less said in public the better".

Test cricketers face on-the-spot fines

By Peter Ball

England's cricketers could face on-the-spot fines if they misbehave during next summer's Test matches against West Indies and New Zealand.

Penalties of up to £500 could be approved by the Test and County Cricket Board when it discusses disciplinary measures, proposed by its cricket sub-committee and supported by the executive committee, at its meeting on December 12.

The board's stricter approach under Raman Subba Row, its new chairman, follows an incident involving Ian Botham in last July's Test against Australia at Trent Bridge. Botham was reprimanded after being charged with public dissent. The England all-rounder had been cautioned by the umpire, Alan Whitehead, for running on the pitch and excessive short-pitched bowling. There was widespread criticism of the six-week delay in dealing with Botham.

The new proposal brings Test matches at home into line with an England manager's powers on overseas tours. No scale has been settled but, with players receiving £1,500 a Test match, it is likely to be comparable to the £500 maximum fine on overseas tours. The power to impose such punishment will be vested in the chairman of selectors, currently Peter May.

England's disciplinary record hitherto has been good, especially compared with Australia's whose reputation has been tarnished in recent series against New Zealand and the West Indies. And with dissent a growing problem in cricket, as in every sport, the TCCB initiative will generally be welcomed.

There will, however, be reservations until it is seen in practice. Players will have the right of appeal. Serious cases, which have not yet been defined, will still be referred to the disciplinary sub-committee.

Mr May had left the cricket ground when the Botham incident occurred. In such circumstances his nominee, probably a senior selector, would assume his authority and this could leave the procedures open to charges of inconsistency.

It seems likely to prove more effective than the Australian system, in which a committee of palyers sits in judgement on a team colleague.

With India and New Zealand next summer's visitors and a drop in receipts compared to this year's Ashes series expected in consequence, the TCCB is hoping to make up the shortfall with an advertising campaign.



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Liverpool facing more union pressure for rates rise

From Peter Davenport, Liverpool

Labour leaders of Liverpool City Council, due to run out of funds this week, suffered another rebuff by members of their own workforce yesterday when a mass meeting of the Transport and General Workers' Union urged them to adopt suggestions in the Stonefrost Report for a 15 per cent rates rise to help to solve the city's financial crisis.

The union has 2,000 members working for the council and the decision means that only one main union, the General, Municipal and Boilermakers, GMBATU, the largest with 9,000 members, reamins solidly behind the authority.

But even its members are divided about what action they should take when money for wages runs out on Thursday. About 4,000 GMBATU members attached to the city's Education Department say they will consider themselves laid off from Monday, while 1,000 collegues in the most militant of the union's branches have voted to strike from Friday midnight.

The vote by members of the transport unions yesterday followed the failure of weekend talks between councillors and national union leaders after which Mr Derek Hatton, Liverpool's deputy leader, accused them with being out of touch with their own members in the city.

The council has become increasingly isolated because of its determination to force a confrontation with the Government to give more cash to the city. They have persistently refused to consider any suggestions which involve rent or rates increases, job losses or cuts in services.

The council's workforce of 31,000 turned in for work yesterday despite the knowledge that the money for wages runs out in days.

Today Labour councillors are to lobby a meeting in London between the Environment Secretary, Mr Kenneth Baker, and five Liverpool Labour MPs. Mr Baker, however, has persistently refused to meet the councillors themselves.

In the Commons yesterday he flatly blamed the city's Labour leaders for the current financial crisis, accusing them of "intransigence and stubbornness" (the Press Association reports).

He told MPs: "I will only see councilors of the city of Liverpool if they discharge their legal responsibility and balance their books and set a legal rate, which matches their expenditure."

His condemnation came as he opened the second reading debate on the Local Government Bill, which will impose a statutory duty on councils to set a rate by a certain date

Mr Baker said people in Liverpool had been deluged by "a flood of political propaganda on the rates" and "deliberately misled by their militant council's propaganda" over financial problems facing the city.

It had been paid for by ratepayers, "many of whom are council workers, facing no pay this week, due to Councillor Hatton's fixation of bringing the Government down."

New development corporation plans

The Government is to consider setting up more development corporations like Merseyside and the London docklands as part of its drive for the regeneration of inner cities (Philip Webster writes).

Ministers are promoting the proposal as a way of by-passing left-wing councils, and ensuring that the money which goes to the inner cities from different government sources is brought together and spent in the most effective manner.

The decision to undertake the study was taken last week by a Cabinet committee. At it Mrs Thatcher settled the internal Whitehall argument over which department should take the lead on inner-city policy.

There was apparently some irritation in Downing Street over reports suggesting a power struggle between Lord Young, Secretary of State for Employment, and Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Employment.



The body of RUC Constable David Hanson, aged 24, who was killed on the day the Anglo-Irish agreement was signed, being borne by colleagues at his funeral in Bangor yesterday.

Unionists plan battle options

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Faced with political isolation both at Westminster and internationally, Unionist leaders could be forgiven for adopting the literal meaning of Sinn Fein – "Ourselves Alone" – as the motto for their struggle against the Anglo-Irish accord.

As Mr Frank Millar, chief executive of the Official Unionists, said yesterday: "The Unionist community has been clear for 17 years that it stands alone. If Britain seeks to end the union, it will be for the people of Northern Ireland to decide where they go.

"If Britain found it difficult to govern Northern Ireland without the consent of the minority, I believe the British Government will find it impossible to govern it without the consent of the majority. Britain has broken the contract with which she governed Northern Ireland."

Last night the Official Unionist Party's executive endorsed a campaign agreed by the two Unionist Party leaders, including a decision that anyone failing to carry out instructions would be expelled from the parties and denounced as "quislings and collaborators".

Although officials are confident the administration of the province can continue without the presence of Unionists on official bodies assisting them in direct rule, their absence will be an irritant to the Government. If Unionists withdrew consent on a wider scale, the situation could become much more serious.

A joint working party has been planning since the summer a strategy opposing the agreement. In private, some Unionists admit it will be an uphill struggle against the resolve of Mrs Thatcher, whom the Rev Ian Paisley accused of being the "Jezebel of Northern Ireland".

Immediately after the agreement was signed the Unionists announced that all elected representatives would boycott Northern Ireland Office ministers. Yesterday the first sign of this occurred when three Unionist councillors left a tree-planting ceremony in Belfast before the arrival of Mr Richard Needham, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State.

These are some of the courses of action being planned:

Legal challenge: Unionists are awaiting the opinion of counsel on whether a legal challenge to the agreement can be mounted in the High Court. This seems unlikely.

Executive boycott: All Unionist members have been ordered to withdraw from boards managing health, hospital, education and library services and bodies such as the police and fire authorities and the housing executive.

By-elections: All 15 Unionist MPs will resign their seats at Westminster to fight a "mini general election" on the agreement.

Westminster boycott: If the Government continues with its policy, re-elected Unionist MPs will withdraw from the Commons.

Council boycott: They will withdraw from the province's 26 district councils. At present 17 are adjourned as part of a Unionists' protest over the presence of Sim Fein councillors. The Government can send in commissioners if councils do not carry out statutory functions.

Assembly boycott: A split has emerged on withdrawal from the Northern Ireland Assembly. The official Unionists say Unionist members will leave if there is no retreat by Mrs Thatcher after the by-elections, but Mr Paisley wants it kept in being as a "focal point" for Unionist opinion. It has no powers other than to scrutinize proposed government measures and has widely been dismissed as irrelevant.

Loyalist rallies: The first will be held in Belfast on Saturday.

Civil disobedience: If Unionists were to start a campaign of non payment of rent, rates, electricity and water supplies, it could make difficulties for the Government.

Strikes: The Government has made contingency plans to keep emergency services running. Loyalists Concede that a strike such as that which in 1974 brought down the power sharing executive would allow Mrs Thatcher to portray the issue a one of "law and order".

Renegotiation: Some Unionist politicians are already looking at his option in case their campaign fails.

UDI: A unilateral declaration of independence has been mooted, but it would cause a severe decline in Northern Ireland living standards.

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Sinn Fein appeals for nationalist seats pact

By a Staff Reporter

The leadership of Provisional Sinn Fein yesterday appealed for a pact between Northern Ireland's nationalist parties in an effort to win four marginal border seats in the event of by-elections after Unionist resignations at Westminster.

By appealing for a united nationalist front, the provisionals know they will face the SDLP with a dilemma. If they agree, Unionists will see moderate nationalists lining up with men whose philosophy is based in taking power through the Armalite and ballot box approach. If the SDLP refuses, it faces the accusation of splitting the vote.

Mr Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader, said: "We should try and reach some sort of anti-Unionist agreement in the interests of nationalists".

But an SDLP spokesman last night said the party would almost certainly reject the call.

The marginal seatss are mid-Ulster, Fermanagh and South Tyrone, Newry and Armagh and South Down. On a straight National/Unionist fight, it should be possible for Nationalists to win all four seats. They were unable to do so in the general election of 1983, because both Sinn Fein SDLP stood.

Meanwhile, as the Dail in Dublin prepared for a three-day debate on the agreement, a Labour senator, Mary Robinson, resigned her seat in the Senate because the agreement did not have wide support in the North.

The coalition Government is expected to have a comfortable majority of six at the end of the debate.

Austerity package at Telegraph

By Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

Management at the *Daily Telegraph* group last night announced a package of austerity measures which immediately brought a serious response from both print unions and journalists' leaders.

Faced with a continuing financail crisis, the company told unions that there would be no annual pay increase next year and no automatic replacement of staff. Managers will also seek voluntary redundancies where replacement would be at the discretion of the company.

A letter passed to union leaders at the *Telegraph* last night also announced the elimination of all "unjustifiable payments", apparently a reference to high journalists' expenses and payments made under 'old Spanish customs" to print unions.

Every department is to be reassessed to see if it is viable and there was to be a review of staffing in the machine room. A regime of strict cost consciousness is to be imposed.

First reactions from unions were of anger. Journalists' leaders said the company had promised them a 5 per cent pay rise next year under a new technology deal. Other payments were due to print unions on the same basis.

The company was reacting to pressure from investors and from Mr Conrad Black, a prominent Canadian financier with a substantial stake in the group.

Union leaders last night said that they would report back to their chapels (office branches) for a response to the announcement. They were confident that their members would not accede to the measures without a fight.

Father jailed for suffocating baby

From Craig Seton, Birmingham

Phillip Hartwell, who suffocated his 22-month-old daughter, Gemma, by stuffing a ball of wool in her mouth and gagging her with a scarf, was sentenced at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday to 10 years' imprisonment for manslaughter.

Mr Justice Tudor Evans told Hartwell, aged 30, unemployed, of Waterworks Road, Birmingham: "You are a dangerous, violent and heartless man."

The girl, who had been in care since birth because of her father's two previous convictions for child battering, including an assault on a 19-day-old daughter by a previous marriage, was returned by social workers to Hartwell and his wife, Yvonne, in March this year on a trial basis. She died 16 days later.

A jury of six men and six women – found Hartwell not guilty of murder. In addition to the manslaughter sentence he was given concurrent terms of two years for cruelty and nine months for obstructing a coroner.

The judge asked if social services in Birmingham were conducting an inquiry into the circumstances in which the girl was returned to her natural parents in spite of her father's previous record.

The court heard that Hartwell had beaten the child with his hands and a walking stick before stuffing the wool into her mouth and gagging her with a scarf to stop her moaning. When she died a plan was hatched to bury the body in the Clent Hills in Hereford and Worcester and pretend that she had vanished on a shopping expedition.

Eugene Wright, aged 27, of Prince Street, Smethwick, who had pleaded guilty before the trial to obstructing the coroner, by burying the body, was sentenced to four months imprisonment. Yvonne Hartwell, aged 25, who has admitted cruelty by neglect, will be sentenced today.

The child was returned to her parents after the failure of a plan to have her adopted.

Miss Adrianne Jones, the director of Birmingham social services – appointed after the Hartwell case – said of the tragedy: "We have to strike a balance between protecting the child and the right of the parents and attempt to rehabilitate the child within the family."

Church plan for black chaplains

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

Black pastors from independent African and West Indian churches in Britain may be appointed as Free Church chaplains to certain prisons and hospitals. The proposal is being discussed by the Free Church Federal Council and is likely to be endorsed by the British Council of Churches at its meeting next week.

It is part of a programme of integration of the so-called black or "black-led" churches into normal mainstream church activity in Britain after a long period of almost complete separation.

The black pastors would represent all the Free Churches, Methodist, Baptist and presbyterian as well as their own. Like the armed services, hospitals and prisons have three parallel systems of chaplaincy; Anglican, Roman Catholic, and Free Church. The black-led churches have so far stood outside this system.

The issue is one of a number being reported to the council next week to improve relations between the mainstream mainly white churches and the independent black-led churches. The report states that the "historic churches" must meet black-led churches on equal terms and be willing to learn from them.

The report estimates that black-led churches' memberships have risen to about 100,000 members and that there are about 160 ddifferent denominations

The council meeting next week will also be asked to approve a statement on South Africa which includes support for a British boycott of South African goods as a mark of disapproval of apartheid and of the state of emergency there.

Fourth Concorde flight delayed

The fourth incident in five days involving Concorde aircraft delayed yesterday morning's flight to New York by nearly two and a half hours. The technical problem was unrelated to the tyre bursts that occurred last week, Captain Brian Walpole, general manager of British Airways' Concorde division, said.

"It was caused by our maintenance system being stretched and busy," Captain Walpole said. Another Concorde was being worked on after it had developed a fault on Sunday and preparing it for yesterday's earlier flight to New York caused congestion in the system.

Captain Walpole refused to give any details of the latest fault, and said only that it was a question of "producing a fully-serviced aircraft fit and well".

"The problem was certainly not to do with the undercarriage," he emphasized.

Captain Walpole conceded, however, that one of last week's tyre bursts did damage the structure of the plane requiring checks and repair work through the weekend.

The series of problems began last Thursday when a flight from New York had a blow-out on landing at Heathrow. Passengers were evacuated by emergency chutes.

On Friday another Concorde returned to Heathrow shortly after take-off when a tyre burst, and again passengers had to slide down chutes. On Sunday a Concorde charter to the cruise line Cunard was delayed for more than seven hours because of "a technical problem". After taking off it had to return to Heathrow as a warning light in the cockpit indicated a fault in the undercarriage.

Chauffeur tells of abortion

A chauffeur claimed in court yesterday that he made millionairess Soraya Khashoggi pregnant and she had an abortion.

Anthony Howard, aged 39, made the claim during cross-examination at Winchester Crown Court during his trial on charges of stealing 400 items from Mrs Khashoggi, aged 44

Mr Howard, her former chauffeur, told the court last week that they first love after having dinner together and later had sexual intercourse again.

Mr John Aspinall, prosecuting, asked him: "There was certainly no form of love affair, was there?"

He replied: "There was, becase eventually I made her pregnant and she had an abortuion at the London Clinic."

Mr Aspinall said the pregnancy had never been suggested to Mrs Khashoggi when she gave evidence. Mr Howard replied: "One doesn't want to bring out things that are private matter between two people."

Mr Aspinall said the suggestion was "utter lies. It's a piece of dirt."

The hearing continues.

Plea over 'graffiti' expulsions

Governors who expelled five pupils in the obscene graffiti row at a Manchester comprehensive school were yesterday asked to reconsider their decision.

The move was made by the city's education policy subcommittee after they heard of new evidence not previously seen by the governors.

All attempts to resolve the dispute so far have collapsed including discussion with ACAS. More than 1000 pupils at Poundswick High School, Wythenshaw, have been without lessons for two months following the suspension of 21 teachers for refusing to teach the five boys accused of the graffiti and a walkout by their colleagues.

At the two-hour committee meeting yesterday education officials took the unusual step of making all evidence and correspondence in the case public.

The council says the boys must go back and that a decision of a committee overturning the governors expulsion orders must stand.

Parole date for Mycock

Relatives and friends of Anthony Mycock, who is serving a five-year sentence in Frankland prison Durham, for a crime that may not have been committed, were last night hoping for a Christmas reunion.

As the news spread that Mycock, aged 32, father of three, has at last been granted an appeal hearing early next month, the Mycock family in Heywood, said they will travel to London to support his fight for freedom.

His solicitor, Mr Robert Lizar, said last night the prison auhorities told him yesterday that Mycock has been listed for parole for December 20.

"We are all overjoyed that he has got his appeal hearing," his sister, Mrs Jean Benson, said.

She said his wife, Mrs Diana Mycock, was "thrilled" about the appeal. "All we want is a big family celebration at Christmas."

Students injured as buses collide head-on

Twenty-three people, many of them students, were injured yesterday when two buses were involved in a head-on collision on the A143 near Chalfont, St Giles, Buckinghamshire.

Drivers of both buses were trapped in the wreckage for more than half an hour.

The accident, involving two London Country buses, happened during the morning peak hour. A contract bus, taking teenagers to Chalfont St Peter College annexe, was in collision with the 353 bus travelling towards Amersham.

A fleet of ambulances ferried the injured passengers to Wycombe General Hospital.

Twenty-one people were sent home after treatement but two, Mr John Murdoch and Mr Mark Witchell, were detained



Frederick Kempf, aged eight, who will become the youngest soloist to play with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra when he plays a Mozart piano concerto at the Leas Cliff Hall in his home town of Folkestone, Kent, on December 22.

Frederick is a boarder a the Junior King's School in Canterbury.

Fireworks fine

The Government is to increase the penalties for selling fireworks to people aged under 16 and for letting fireworks off in public, Mr Paul Channon, Minister for Trade, said in a written reply in the Commons yesterday.

Early Synod test on women priests

By Our Religious Affairs Correspondent

The first meeting of the new General Synod of the Church of England today will bring an early indication of voting strengths on the issue of women priests with elections for three crucial synod positions to be contested.

The synod's first act will be a service of Holy Communion in Westminster Abbey, to be attended by the Queen, who in her capacity as Supreme Governer, will then formally open the session in a ceremony at Church House, Westminster.

The House of Laity, and the two Houses of Convocation, representing the clergy of York and Canterbury, will then meet separately to elect their chairmen, known in the the case of the Convocations as the prolocutors.

The three retiring chairmen, Mr O. W. H. Clark, of the House of Laity, the Very Reverend David Silk, of Canterbury, and Canon Peter Boulton, of York, have all been returned in the recent elections, and it is expected that they will be candidates.

The Movement for the Ordination of Women has claimed that its voting strength has improved both among the clergy and the laity in the synod, and in the latter house women now constitute 43 per cent of the total, against a previous 34 per cent. Legislation to allow the ordination of women is now being drafted and is likely to come before the synod next summer.

A report into bishops' appointments makes several minor suggestions for improving the procedures of the Crown Appointments Commission, but dismisses any suggestion that the Prime Minister has let her political preferences sway her judgement in recommending appointments to the Queen.

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Tears and resolution in candid Thatcher interview

The remarkable two sides of the Prime Minister's character will be seen in a candid television interview tonight.

Mrs Thatcher is moved to tears when she talks about the influence of her father and she also speaks passionately about her "relief" at the end of the Falklands War, but the "Iron Lady" image returns when she talks about being "inflexible" on certain issues and her political career.

The two sides of Mrs Thatcher are vividly illustrated when she talks about her relief that doctors managed to overcome difficulties in the birth of her twins, Mark and Carol when there was "some doubt" over them.

Shortly afterwards, she says, she wrote from hospital to Lincoln's Inn for finals papers for her bar exam.

Mrs Thatcher speaks to Dr Miriam Stoppard in the Yorkshire television programme, *Woman to Woman*, which is to be shown on the ITV uetwork.

The television company has described the programme as "one of the most candid, revealing, human and relaxed interviews the Prime Minister has ever given".

She talks about her unbringing in a home which had only cold water and an outside lavatory. She speaks about dress sense, how she met and fell in love with Denis Thatcher, about motherhood, her political desires and her private life.

Mrs Thatcher begins by admitting that she can be wounded by criticism and saying that it is "practically impossible" to protect her private self from public view.

On her childhood Mrs Thatcher says: "All my upbringing was to instil into both my sister and I the fantastic sense of duty – a great sense of whatever you do, you are personally responsible for it. You don't blame society – you're personally responsible."

She says she was taught very strongly to make up her own mind. "You make up your own mind what you are going to do – never because someone else is doing it."

She says her father did have faults, but she inherited "so much that was good from him".

Her father stood up for his principles in the face of political opposition, Mrs Thatcher says he was a grocer, founder of the local Rotary Club, and and alderman at Grantham, Lincolnshire.

She also admits she did not have a clear idea of the sort of man she wanted to marry.

It was not, says Mrs Thatcher, love at first sight with Denis. They knew each other for a long time.

After being married for about six months, she said: "It dawned on me that this was the biggest thing in one's life now kind of sorted out and, therefore, one turned one's mind to other things."

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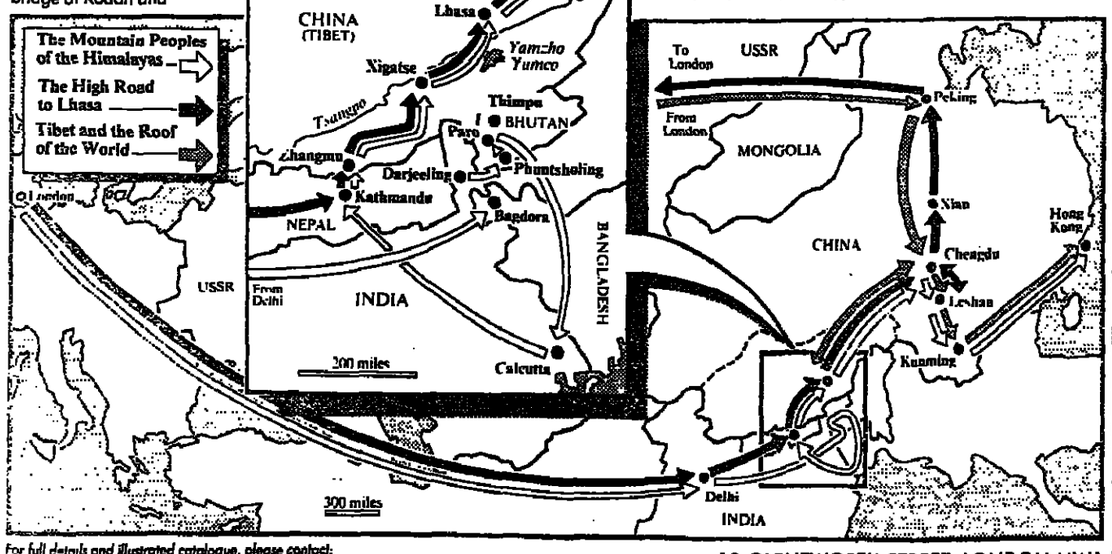
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Home Office details new powers to trace and seize drug pushers' assets

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Tough new powers enabling the courts to strip drug traffickers of all their assets were outlined by the Home Office yesterday.

The powers, expected in a Bill to be put before Parliament by Christmas, are part of a package of measures to combat drug trafficking and stop criminals living off the proceeds.

Under the legislation, the courts will be obliged to impose a new penalty up to the level of the total proceeds of the crime.

Although the penalty will be based on the proceeds of trafficking, all assets, including those gained lawfully, will be subject to immediate confiscation and disposal if necessary to secure payment of the fine. That will prevent traffickers salting away their proceeds beyond the jurisdiction.

There will also be new powers for the police and customs to trace a criminal's assets through inspection of bank accounts, for the courts to freeze those assets, and for heavier jail sentences where offenders fail to pay the fine.

The measures will also include a new offence of handling the proceeds of drug trafficking, aimed at those who assist traffickers and benefit from their crime by laundering the proceeds.

This would extend to drug trafficking anywhere in the world linked with proceeds located abroad. The maximum penalty would be 14 years' jail.

Mr David Mellor, Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, said yesterday that recent cases highlighted how much money could be obtained from drug trafficking, for which there were 4,100 convictions a year.

"It is not just the Mr Bigs, but anyone else involved in drug trafficking. It is crucial that we arm ourselves, not just with imprisonment, but also with measures to take away the proceeds", he said.

He added that the Government would now be considering if any of the new proposals were applicable to other areas of crime.

Under the confiscatory fine, the burden of proof is shifted from the prosecution to the defence. the offender will have to prove that his assets wer lawfully obtained, Otherwise they will be liable to assessment.

"The assumption will be that his whole standard of living is derived from crime", Mr Mellor said.

The courts will be required to impose a fine and it will then be up to the prosecution to decide whether to demand proof on the entirety of an offender's assets. In cases involving small sums of money, that would not be likely, Mr Mellor said.

In fixing the fine, courts will take account of any proceeds transferred by the defendant to third parties in the past five years. Any assets will be liable to seizure to meet the fine in full, and the prosecution will be able to apply to the High Court to have assets frozen once criminal proceedings have started.

Where a fine is not paid and assets cannot be reached, there will be a sliding scale of penalties according to the size of the fine, up to a maximum of 10 years' imprisonment in default of a fine above £1 million. That will be on top of any penalty for drug trafficking itself.

To help to trace assets, the police and customs will be able to apply to a circuit judge for orders requiring banks and others to give details of an offender's assets.

Mr Mellor added that discussions were in hand to secure agreement with other countries so that court orders made in one jurisdiction over assets were enforceable in another.



Richard Leakey with a model of a Neanderthal woman to be exhibited at the Commonwealth Institute (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Black teenagers get 7 years for multiple rape

Six black teenagers, members of a Brixton gang called the Young Raiders, were sentenced to terms of up to seven years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday, for the repeated rape of two white schoolgirls.

The deterrent sentences "must express society's horror of the mounting volume of man's inhumanity to women", the Recorder of London, Sir James Miskin, told the court.

Relatives in the public gallery wept and gasped as the judge sentenced the four older gang members, who had each been found guilty of one rape charge against each girl, to seven years' youth custody, which entails transfer to prison at the age of 21.

The two younger boys, both 14 at the time, who were found guilty of one rape charge each, were given three-year sentences under the Children and Young Persons Act.

The Recorder said the girls, both 16, were walking home when the gang saw them in Brixton High Road, South London. They were robbed of money and jewellery, then taken down an alley to garages under a block of flats in the Stockwell Park estate where all the youths lived.

They were raped on the concrete floor, one girl 30 times and her friend 15 times, the prosecution told the court. The girls denied having agreed to have "leisurely sex" and said they offered no resistance out of fear.

The judge described the rapes as a "vile enterprise".

Of the four given seven-year terms, Michael Thompson, aged 17, an Electrical engineer nicknamed "General Smiley" was said to be a gang leader who had convictions for robbery and dishonesty. He was given an additional six months for an unrelated theft offence.

Clive Ballantyne, aged 17, unemployed, nicknamed "Private Gripper" had convictions for theft and burglary. He and Gary Linton, aged 18, a clerical officer nicknamed "star", were said to have helped the girls dress and leave after the rapes, but that was no mitigation, the recorder said. Gary McDonald, aged 18, unemployed, known as "flash", had never claimed, as had some of the others, the judge said, that the girls were willing partisipants.

Turning to the two younger boys, who were each given three years, the Recorder said Christopher Springer, aged 14, had convictions for arson, dishonesty, burglary, and violence and Winston Edwards, aged 15, had a conviction for possessing a loaded airgun.

'Nightmare' of autism parents

By Gregory Neale

Children suffering from autism, the rare mental handicap which affects sensory perception, are not being diagnosed early enough, causing distress to parents and losing valuable time for early treatment, according to a report published yesterday by the National Autistic Society.

One couple yesterday spoke of their 13 year struggle to bring up their son, only recently diagnosed as autistic, against a background of what they saw as medical inexperience and sometimes insensitivity to their concerns. They described it as a nightmare.

The society says a campaign is needed to increase awareness of the condition among doctors and other child-care workers. Recent moves for greater integration of handicapped children within ordinary state schools have made doctors more reluctant to pursue specific identification of particular handicaps such as autism.

There are about 20,000 autistic children, or children with autistic tendencies.

What can the matter be? (National Autistic Society, 276 Willesden Lane, London NW2 5RB; £1).

Honeymoon presents at post offices

By Michael Horsnell

A novel way of tapping the estimated £2,100 million which Britons spend every year on *buying presents was launched* yesterday in 3,500 post offices in London and the South-east.

From today customers will be able to buy presents ranging from a honeymoon night at a hotel to a side of Scotch smoked salmon by filling in a National Girobank Transcash form and paying for the gift over the counter.

The *Giftgram* was launched *in conjunction with the Gift League*, a private company recently formed by a group of marketing executives.

Gift catalogues containing a variety of presents, which include restaurant meals, flying and driving lessons, champagne, books, jewellery, magazine subscriptions and computerized games; and containing a Transcash form will be made available by the Gift League.

The gift is delivered by the Post Office with a *Giftgram* which, in the case of "experience" presents such as a honeymoon night (£78.95) or a first flying lesson (£24.50), also serves as a voucher which the recipient hands over when he takes up his gift at hotel or flying club.

Boy of 11 on murder charge

A boy, aged 11, accused of the murder of a polio victim widow, made his first court appearance yesterday.

The boy was silent throughout the five-minute hearing at Houghton-le-Spring Magistrates' Court, Tyne and Wear, apart from giving his age and confirming his address when asked by the court clerk.

He was jointly charged with Ashley King, aged 21, of Sherburn Grove, Houghton, with the murder of Mrs Margaret Greenwood, aged 58, of Abbey Drive, Houghton, between November 3 and 6.

Mrs Lilian Turnbull, the magistrates' chairman, ordered that the boy should not be named and should be remanded in the care of the local authority until November 21. Mr King was also remanded in custody until November 21.

Mr Bill Smith, represented the 11-year-old boy.

Mr Kevin Gray, for Mr King, said an application for bail would be made in due course.

The body of Mrs Greenwood, who lived alone and wore steel calipers on both legs as a result of a childhood polio attack, was found behind the front door of her bungalow on November 5. She died from head injuries.

Show spans 35 million years

An exhibition which traces the development of our ancestors through the 35 million year history of the human species will open on Wednesday at the Commonwealth Institute.

The exhibition, "The Human Story," will include lifelike models, ancient tools, *simulated climatic conditions* and computer technology and will be opened by the Queen.

Mr Richard Leakey, a leading paleo-anthropologist, said it would "stimulate, perhaps disturb, and above all provoke questions about the fundamental issues of human existence".

Mr James Porter, director of the Institute, said it was one of the most important exhibitions the institute had mounted and *would challenge conventional* wisdom about our origins and our potential as a species.

After opening in London the exhibition will travel to Stockholm, Amsterdam, Vienna, Bremen and Paris before going to five African cities.

Mr Leakey will come from Nairobi for the opening and one of his latest and most dramatic finds, an almost complete skeleton of a 12-year-old boy who lived 1.6 million years ago, will be on display.

The exhibition is open to the public from Thrusday until February 23.

House prices steady in settled market

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

House prices have remained steady during the last three months, according to a survey by the Royal Institution of Estate Agents.

Between one third and one half of 245 estate agents in the survey said there had been an increase of two per cent in the quarter ending October 31, but the expected burst of activity in October, in the light of mortgage rate reductions and normal autumn buying, did not materialize.

A survey in the South-east showed a continuing demand for houses in the upper-price ranges, but the RICS reports that "nationally the market is fairly settled."

Commenting on the figures, Mr John Thomas, spokesman on the housing market, said the figures for the last six months had been remarkably consistent, with the bulk of transactions showing a quarterly increase of around two per cent.

Actress wins £15,000 libel damages over video film

A High Court jury yesterday awarded Diane Hart, the actress £15,000 libel damages over her reluctant role in a pornographic video clip.

The actress, aged 59, claimed damages against the makers of the video, *Electric Blue 002*, for using a clip from her 1970 film, *Games That Lovers Play* without her permission.

The clip showed the actress watching through a two-way mirror as her daughter, played by Joanna Lumley, cavorts in bed with her lover.

The damages, with costs, were awarded against the video producers, Scripglow Ltd, its directors Roger Cook and Adam Cole, and a subsidiary, Electric Publications Ltd.



Diane Hart after her High Court victory

Football fan remanded

Terence William Matthews, aged 25, arrested by police hunting the Chelsea football supporter dubbed the "Fat Man", appeared at Horseferry Road Magistrates' court in south London yesterday charged with riotous assembly. He was remanded in police custody

Det Chief Inspector Douglas Harrison asked for a remand for Mr Matthews to be further interrogated at Chelsea

Matthews, a scrap dealer, of Buckhold Road, Wandsworth, is charged with making a riotous assembly with fellow supporters, Kevin Whitton, and other persons unknown on December 29 last year

Two accused over Constable

A father and son were yesterday remanded in custody until next Monday by Mildenhall magistrates charged in connection with the disappearance of a £100,000 Constable painting from St James' Church, Nayland, Suffolk.

Stephen Flannaghan, aged 26, a bricklayer, of High Street, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, was charged with the theft of the painting. His father, John Flannaghan aged 58, of Lawn Road, Hampstead, north-west London, was accused of dishonestly assisting in its retention.

Libel damages

Miss Imagine Lucas-Box accepted "substantial" libel damages yesterday over a newspaper allegation that she shared her flat with Luciano Petrone an alleged Italian terrorist, because she "found danger an aphrodisiac".

Miss Lucas-Box, aged 29, of Walton Street, Chelsea, London, sued the publishers of the *Daily Mail* over the article in January 1983. The publishers of the *News of the World* also agreed to apologize and pay damages over an article concerning her.

Building link in Legion deaths

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The cases of Legionnaires' disease occurring in Glasgow show a persistent spread of the disease in new buildings with water towers that create aerosol sprays.

Having contained the infection in the new wing of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary in which four elderly people died, health officials have been surprised by two cases among tenants of a block of new flats. The source of the second infection is under investigation.

The bacterium causing the disease is difficult to grow in the laboratory, but is becoming a serious pest of modern air conditioning systems and centrally heated buildings.

The same microbe that is lethal for an elderly person with a chest condition causes only mild flu-like symptoms in others. If the infection is recognized early, it responds readily to antibiotics.

Since it was formally recognized in 1976 after killing 34 members of the American Legion at a reunion at the Bellevue-Stratford hotel in Philadelphia, it has been indentified in every European country.

Earlier cases of isolated but unexplained deaths from pneumonia-like disorders are now attributed to the organism. But compared with the annual deaths from pneumonia, bronchitis, lung cancer, or even food poisoning, the numbers infected are small. Until this year about 150 cases were expected annually in Britain; last year 151 caught the disease and 15 died.

Before the epidemic in April at a new hospital at Stafford, which killed 46, people were regarded more at risk of contracting the disease from air conditioning systems in holiday hotels abroad. It is not transmitted from person to person; infection comes from inhaling the bacterium into the lungs in the form of water vapour.

The organism is believed to be carried on airborne dust particles into the water towers of cooling systems. In stagnant conditions at temperatures between 20 and 45 degrees centigrade, it reproduces readily. But it is destroyed at high temperatures and by exposure to chlorine and other commercially available biocides used to prevent slime forming

Most of the bacteria found in water systems are the source of slime formed by the envelope surrounding the microbes. Two cases of the disease in hospital in Oxford in 1979 implicated piped water supplies.

A code of good housekeeping is issued by the Department of Health to hospitals for care and maintenance of air conditioning systems or showers. At a building profession conference on the disease at Oxford recently it was commended to hotels, schools, factories and commercial and residential blocks with modern systems.

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Unionists bitterly attack agreement

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The agreement on Northern Ireland signed by Mrs Thatcher the Prime Minister, and Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Prime Minister of the Republic, came in for bitter criticism from Ulster Unionist MPs after Mrs Thatcher had made a statement about it in the Commons. But Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the Opposition said the Opposition wished the peace initiative well.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) later rejected a request for an emergency debate.

Mrs Thatcher said: the purpose of the agreement is to promote peace and stability in Northern Ireland; to encourage reconciliation between the two communities there; to create an improved climate of friendship and co-operation between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland; and to strengthen cross-border co-operation between the two countries, particularly in combating terrorism.

The agreement will not come into force until it has been approved by Parliament and by the Irish Dail. The house will have an early opportunity for a full debate.

The Irish government has affirmed in a binding international agreement that the status of Northern Ireland will remain unchanged so long as that is the wish of the majority of its people.

It has also recognised that the present wish of a majority is to remain part of the United Kingdom.

This is the most formal commitment to the principle of consent made by any Irish Goverment.

The second main feature of the agreement is the establishment of an intergovernmental conference within the framework of the existing anglo-Irish intergovernmental council. In this conference the Irish Government may put forward views and proposals on certain aspects of Northern Ireland affairs.

Full responsibility for the decisions and administration of government will remain with the United Kingdom Government north of the border and with the Irish Government south of the border.

No single agreement can resolve the deep-rooted and complex problems of Northern Ireland and deliver the peace for which the great majority of people in Northern Ireland long. But I believe the present agreement will make an important contribution.

It offers hope to all those in both communities who want to defeat the men of violence and want to work together peacefully for a better future for their children. That is the purpose of the agreement. It in this spirit I commend it to the House.

Mr Hattersley said the Opposition regarded two of the principles on which the agreement was based as particularly important. The first was the reassertion by the Dublin government of its acceptance that a change in the status of Northern Ireland could not come about without the assent of the people of Northern Ireland

The second was the acknowledgement by the British government of what, at a previous summit, was described as the all-Ireland dimension.

What subjects had been agreed as unsuitable for discussion by the intergovernmental conference?

Would the conference discuss plans for possible devolution before the Government considered putting them to the Commons or was that constitutional question regarded as the sole prerogative of the United Kingdom?

There had been many reports since Friday of the United States proposing or offering governmental assistance to Northern Ireland. What were the facts?

Newspapers had also constantly referred to promises by the United States government to provide grants for use in Ulster. If this was true, what form would the grands take?

The Ulster Defence Regiment had been created as a non-sectarian force to inspire the confidence of all Nporthern Ireland.

But sadly (he continued) that is no longer the case. Have any decisions been taken, or assurances given, about the future role and the entire operation of the UDR?

He concluded: Nobody suggests that this agreement is without its flaws. No such agreement could be. But it does offer sone hope to the people of Northern Ireland and it is for that reason that we wish it well.

Mrs Thatcher said the subjects



Gow: Charges of treachery are deeply resented.

regarded as suitable for the conference were clearly set out in the agreement. The conference would deal on a regular basis with political matters, security and related matters, legal matters and the promotion of cross-border cooperation.

Also mentioned in the agreement were subjects like economic and cultural matters.

These matters had been listed rather than unsuitable subjects being defined.

It was for the UK to approach the constitutional parties about evolved government. It was, of course, for the Republic to put forward any views it may have in the conference on that matter.

But decisions north of the border rested with the UK government.

There had been suggestions that the United States should put forward money to help Ulster and the Republic of Ireland. She did not know any more than had been published.

We believe (she said) that there will be some money forthcoming. I do not know the amount or the form.

She congratulated the UDR on its excellent record. There were no changes in its structure.

Sir John Biggs-Davison (Epping Forest, C): Can the Prime Minister, who has proclaimed herself rock firm for the union and reaffirmed unionism at Hillsborough Castle, assure the House that this agreement, whether in terms of the wording or in fact, gives Dublin no veto on the exercise of executive authority in Northern Ireland?

Mrs Thatcher: That is correct. The Republic has no veto on decisions north of the border.

Mr James Molyneaux (Lagan Valley) Leader of the OUP: Instructions have been given that leave be sought forthwith to apply for judicial review of a number of the issues which this agreement raises?

I understand the initial steps in court are likely to take place within the next 48 hours and I look to the Government not to proceed with any action in implementation of this agreement until their legal right to do so is clarified.

Mrs Thatcher: I do not think I can just off the cuff give him the answer which he seeks, but I believe we shall be right to go ahead with debating this agreement next week and putting forward a motion that the agreement has the approval of the House and that will be our recommendation

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party: It is always easier to destroy than create, and nowhere is that more true than in the history of Northern Ireland. This creative step is preferable to the status quo of bitterness, division and bloodshed?

Those who are not prepared to accept the decisions of this sovereign Parliament should cease to arrogate unto themselves the title of Loyalist.

Mrs Thatcher: It is a constructive agreement designed to get men and women of good will everywhere who are against violence and mobilise them against the men of violence so we may have peace and stability in Northern Ireland, against a background that the Republic recognises the legitimacy of the Unionist case and that the status cannot be changed without consent.

The Rev Ian Paisley (North Antrim DUP): It will come as no surprise to the Prime Minister that I will not be commending this document of treachery and deceit to this House.

When the Prime Minister of the Irish Republic arrived home from Hillsborough he said that in future the Ulster Defence Regiment will operate differently from the way in which it has operated in the past 12 years.

That means that from now on as soon as this can be put into effect the position at present where the UDR can hold people up on the road, stop them, search them, question them, will not longer operate.

Elsewhere he said this, which effects the sovereignty of this House over a regiment of the British Army: The question of how security should be organized in Northern Ireland is one for the new inter-governmental conference.

In view of the people in Northern Ireland on the border who get no defence from anyone but the UDR, what are they going to do in these circumstances? Why should the Prime Minister of a foreign republic have a say in the government and the direction of a regiment in the British Army?

Mrs Thatcher: I pay tribute once again to the bravery and courage of the men and women of the UDR. I repeat that both governments of the UK and the Republic of Ireland may raise matters of security under the agreement with one another – we with them about certain matters south of the border as well as them with us about matters north of the border. Decisions north of the border will remain for the UK. Decisions south of the border will remain with the Republic.

It has been the policy of the Government for many years now that the armed forces operate in aid of the civi, power and we have been trying to make arrangements progressively more to bring that in effect.

Mr John Hume (Foyle, SDLP): My party sees this agreement as an opportunity, and no more or less, to make progress towards peace and reconciliation and in that regard we will offer our fullest cooperation to the new institutions and that includes entering into discussions and dialogue with anyone in Northern Ireland, in particular those represented in this House, on any matter that will lead to peace and reconciliation, including share of responsibility for certain matters within Northern Ireland.

Recognition of the validity of both traditions, so explicit in this agreement, is the only true basis for peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

Mrs Thatcher: I warmly thank him for what he has said. I believe hks constructive contribution will help greatly to defeat the men of violence and bring peace and stability to both traditions in Northern ireland.

Whenever there is a change hopes and fears are raied on both sides. It is up to us in this House and those who take the lead in the communities in Northern Ireland, to quell these fears and bring forward those hopes so we will go forward to the peace and stability we all want to see.

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne C): In theses coming months and whatever view we take about the Anglo-Irish, agreement, restraint in public utterances will assist, ad intimidatory and inflamatory public utterances will injure the true cause of Ulster.

Charges of treachery levelled against the Prime Minister are resented deeply by me and will be repudiated totaly by me.

Mrs Thatcher: I agree with his view on restraint in public utterances. His approaches to peace and stability



McCusker: Sense of injustice done to my constituents.

and the defeat of men of violence are the same as mine.

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds, South and Morely, Lab): I regret the weekend newspaper reports that there is talk of sending in 9,000 soldiers, that there is talk of two battalions of Paras.

Unlike in 1974, the Unionists on these benches have not had any truck with para-military, they have not talked of an Ulster workers strike and nothing about standing or restanding for election and going to the High Court. At least in the short run we should give them credit for that and fight their argument, if that is necessary, with the spoken word and not with threats, becuase that will be counter productive in the context of Northern Ireland.

Mrs Thatcher: With regard to the newspaper report, I know of no such plans as are referred to and have issued a statement from No 10 to that effect.

We see no need to increase the security forces in Northern Ireland as a result of this agreement. Any views to be put shold be put in the customery way through the representatives in this House or through the representatives in the Assembly or eleswhere in Northern Ireland.

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down OUP) asked if the Prime Minister would be completely candid over what was contemplated in the administration of justice, especially in view of discussions about mixed courts to operate in Northern Ireland.

Mrs Thatcher said the agreement indicated that such a possibility would be considered. We are considering that (she said) without commitment, because we know from past experience the difficulties.

Mr Peter Robinson (Belfast, East, DUP): In November 1984 the Prime Minister signed a communique with the same viper she has taken to her breast at Hillsborough Castle. In the communique she promised that any political structures or processes affecting Northern Ireland would have to be acceptable to both sections of the community in Northern Ireland.

Is she aware of the deep sense of betrayal felt by the people of Northern Ireland at this act of political prostitution?

Mrs Thatcher: He is deliberately trying to work up fears when he should be trying to allay fears, if he really wishes to defeat the violence which afflicts Northern Ireland. (Cheers).

This agreement - following what he has so scandalously said - has the signature of both governments and that confirms that any change in the status of Northern Ireland would only come about with the consent of the majority of the people of Northern Ireland. This is the best guarantee from the Republic that the people of Northern Ireland have ever had.

Mrs Thatcher: I do not believe that such a statement is helpful in any way in getting the agreement accepted.

Mr Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton, South-West, C): Has the United States Government put pressure on the British Government to enter this agreement? It would be better to say to America that matters of Northern Ireland are no business of theirs, to thank them for their money and ask them to mind their own business.

Mrs Thatcher: No. It is not true. When we began I naturally told the United States Government that we were negotiating.

She had asked the United States Government and leading citizens there to help prevent contributions to Noraid, which were contributions to the men of violence and although the United States Government had wanted the agreement they had at no stage put pressure on the British Government for an agreement.

Mr Harold McCusker (Upper Bann, OUP): I never knew what desolution felt like until this agreeent. I will carry to my grave with ignominy that sense of the injustice I have done to my constituents who in their darkest hours I exhorted to put their trust in this British House of Commons which would one day fulfil their obligations to them to treat them as equal British citizens.

Every aspect of their lives would now be open to influence from the Republic. That was too high a price to pay.

Mrs Thatcher: The agreement makes it clear there is not derogation from sovreignty of the United Kingdom or Irish Governments. Each retains responsibility for the decisions and administration of its own jurisdiction.

Opposition pledge on V and A charges

THE ARTS

An immediate drop in the number of people visiting the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, following the introduction of voluntary charges was predicted by Mr Norman Buchan, Opposition spokesman on the arts, in the Commons. He said at question time that a future Labour Government would rescind them.

Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, replied that it was regrettable that Mr Buchan would discourage the museums from finding ways to raise extra revenue.

Charges (he said) are a matter for the trustees' discretion. They have decided to introduce a voluntary donation scheme and suggest £2 for an adult and 50p per student or pensioner.

Mr Nicholas Baker (North Dorset, C) said: Will Mr Luce congratulate with me Sir Roy Strong for this popular and sensible way of raising money for the arts? Would Mr Luce encourage other museums to do the same and retain more of the receipts from the charges themselves?

Mr Luce: While it is the policy of the Government to provide the basic funding for these national museums, and it will maintain that support, nevertheless everything should be done to encourage such museums to extra self-help in raising extra revenue by other means to improve their services.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab), chairman of the GLC: We should be proud to have a policy of free admission. Does not Mr Luce realise that these voluntary charges are a form of moral blackmail which will deter many people from attending the V and A? If there is a fall off in admissions will Mr Luce discontinue them?

Mr Luce: It is up to the trustees and governing bodies how they raise extra revenue.

Mr Buchan: Mr Luce may be listened to with more care if in 1973-74 the Prime Minister had not compelled the V and A to introduce charges. A consequence was that admissions fell by 50 per cent in the three months following.

We persuaded them to drop the charges and we will rescind them next time. They will cause an immediate fall off in admissions.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Okehampton Bypass (Confirmation of Orders) Bill, remaining stages. **Lords** (2.30): European Communities (Spanish and Portuguese Accession) Bill, second reading. Atomic Energy Authority Bill, second reading.

Rates should not be used to finance political campaigns

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Liverpool Council had shown intransigence and stubbornness in rejecting all the several suggestions which had been made and which would have led to them balancing the books, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment, said. He added that that could not be in the interests of the people of Liverpool.

Mr Baker was moving the second reading of the Local Government Bill which was intended to protect the interests of ratepayers by strengthening the law.

The present law had been formulated when the principle of proper financial management was the responsibility of councillors and officers alike. In most cases, that still worked, but in some areas there were councillors who were prepared to push the law to its limits.

It was the Government's duty to stop such antics. The Bill would not affect the day-to-day activities of the vast majority of councils. But a small number of councils had found the loopholes and had marched through them. There had to be safeguards against the deplorable extravagances.

Rates were never meant to fund ego trips for some councillors, to further their political ambitions.

We are clarifying (he said) what most people believe the position to be.

This year, 37 councils had decided to try to overturn Government policy by not setting a rate. They had hopd for a united front, but only 13 did not set a rate by April 1.

The militant generals in charge of this fiasco (he said) rode their troops to ignominious defeat in their own council chambers at the hands of moderates. (Labour protests)

Since the beginning of the present Parliament, £20 million had been spent by local authorities on political advertising and propaganda. Of the £300,000 spent by Haringey Council, much could have been used for house repars on the Broadwater Farm estate.

While there could be no objection to political campaigning as such, it should be paid for by the political parties and by the ratepayers and taxpayers.

The Bill would not inerfere with any legitimate, non-party publicity activity, but a distinction had to be drawn between legitimate dissemination of information and the funding of party political diatribe.

The Bill, dealing with a small number of points, would not have been necessary at all, but for recent developments among a small group of councils. It would play an important part in the future conduct of local authority affairs.

Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, said the Government was taking the earliest opportunity to expand its attack on local democracy and freedoms. This was the twelfth Local Government Bill since 1979 and it would further restrict the freechoice of elected councils from parish to county level, of every kind of political control and, of none, to act in what they believed to be the best interests of their communities.

The Bill disgusted him. It was a tawdry little measure which assumed an elected local authority was simply the agent of Government, carrying out a set of functions and not speaking for the community.

In common with all its predecessors, the Bill demeaned local government and diminished its ability to represent, and dragged it further into the control of the central Whitehall web.

It was nothing less than an attempt to gag local government, silence opposition and censure debate and so reduce the free flow of argument and ideas. Communities were to be denied the means of self-expression.

The Government increasingly demonstrated it simply could not face up to the competition of ideas, arguments and debate which was so essential in a healthy, free and robust democracy. It wanted to bounce legislation through Parliament before next year's vital local government elections.

In part two of the Bill, the Government sought to deny the long-standing reality that local government was a political institution. The Widdicombe inquiry recognized that, and concluded that it was acceptable in principle for local authorities to publicise controversial matters, whether political or not. The Labour Party shared that view and it was astonishing to hear the Conservatives, the Liberals and the SDP deny that it was the case.

In its evidence to the Widdicombe inquiry, the Labour Party said it did not support party political propoganda paid for by local authorities out of the rates but the Widdicombe report did not identify one single example of an explicitly party political advertising campaign by a local authority.

The Bill would stop the funding of voluntary organizations engaged, for example, on anti-drug campaigns. Not only Labour councils would be affected.

Church and Sunday trade

The Church Commissioners were accused during question time in the Commons of applying double standards, for opposing Sunday trading while at the same time supporting financially major stores that were calling for Sunday opening hours.

Mr Peter Bruinvels (Leicester East, C) raised the issue when he asked the normal hours worked by employees of the Church Commissioners

Mr Brninvels: While not being surprised they should work Monday to Friday and do only 41 hours, I am relieved they do not have to work on Sundays yet.

There is something of a double standard when the Church Commissioners asset committee invest £240 million in new shopping centres in Glasgow, Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich and other nearby areas, and support a number of leading shopping chains such as Mothercare and Habitat who want to open on Sunday.

Sir William van Straubenzee, representing the Church Comissioners, said The Church Commissioners as such have made no pronouncement on this matter.

Okehampton Bill to proceed

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said that he had no power to vary the statutory procedure which provided that the Okehampton Bypass (Confirmation of Orders) Bill could proceed directly to report stage and third reading tomorrow.

Mr Andrew Bennett (Denton and Reddish, Lab) had complained last Thursday that the Bill would not have a second reading or committee stage because the Government claimed that the special procedure committee had replaced these stages.

Dartmoor bypass fight for Lords

By Hugh Clayton
Environment Correspondent

Opponents of the Government's plan for the Okehampton bypass accept that their last hope is a vote against the project in the House of Lords. A Bill allowing the bypass to shave off the northern fringe of Dartmoor is due to be debated in the Commons today and in the Lords before Christmas.

"I do not think there is much hope of defeating it in the Commons", Miss Kate Ashbrook, coordinator of the Okehampton Crisis Committee campaign against the Government's bypass, said yesterday.

Miss Ashbrook has the intensity of a seasoned environmental campaigner, and it is most marked when she is defending Dartmoor.

"I went to Exeter University largely to be near Dartmoor. It has a place in my heart", she explained. In her attic office in Henley-on-Thames, she agreed ruefully that the bypass battle might be decided by the disparity in resources between the two sides.

The Government replied to her conservation leaflets and letters with a lavish exhibition of maps and photographs. It suggested that the alternative bypass outside Dartmoor favoured by Miss Ashbrook's supporters would gouge its way across open countryside and require a giant viaduct.

"It was so unfair. It was crazy to show the route without a tree in sight. But I think it may have swung some MPs against us", Miss Ashbrook said.

Okehampton has helped to established her as one of the country's best-known campaigners for landscape protection and public access to the countryside. She is secretary of the Open Spaces Society and is on the executive committees of the Ramblers' Association and the Council for the Protection of Rural England.

She said: "I feel a deep personal commitment. It is not just a job. I do find it pretty horrifying, the way they are bulldozing the bypass scheme ahead. it is going to tear apart that lovely open hillside that the people of Okehampton look up at every day".



Miss Kate Ashbrook, director of the anti-bypass campaign, in her office (Photograph: Bill Warburst).

Lusitania judgement reserved

Judgement has been reserved in a High Court action over the rights to items salvaged off Ireland three years ago from the wreck of the Lusitania. It was said during the three-day hearing that if the Government won the rights, a project to raise the Titanic might not be financially viable.

Mr Justice Sheen is being asked to rule that the Crown has no title to 8,000 silver spoons embossed with the head of General Kitchener, worth £2.5 million, and other cargo raised by Mr John Pierce, aged 44, an engineer of Chirk, Clwyd. The goods have been seized by the Department of Transport's Receiver of Wrecks.

The Government claims right to all items brought to Britain from international waters. Mr Pierce fears that if the case goes against him, he may not be able to proceed with his plan to raise the Titanic

Honesty pays

Four Nottingham newsboys who handed in nearly £10,000 they found in a derelict house were rewarded with a trip to Nottingham Forest's ground to watch Saturday's game against Manchester City. The money is believed to have belonged to a businessman who lived in the house until his death several years ago.

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Marques owner accused of 'gross errors'

The owner of the sailing ship Marques made "gross errors of judgement" that contributed to her sinking with the loss of 19 lives, the disaster inquiry in Plymouth was told yesterday.

Mr Robin Cecil-Wright, a Cornish farmer aged 45, accused his former partner Mr Mark Litchfield of "arrogance and stubbornness". He said Mr Litchfield displayed no appreciation of dangers at sea.

Mr Cecil-Wright was cross-examining Mr Litchfield, who was giving evidence at the inquiry into the loss of the square-rigger during the Tall Ships race in June, 1984.

His comments and manner of questioning brought a rebuke from the wreck commissioner, Mr Richard Stone, QC. After his cross-examination had lasted for more than five hours Mr Stone reminded Mr Cecil-Wright of the high cost to the public of the inquiry, now in its sixth week.

Asked yesterday to explain his reasons for questioning Mr Litchfield's seamanship while in command of the Marques's sister ship, Inca, Mr Cecil-Wright said: "I am going to illustrate the time when he caused a man to nearly lose his life through stubbornly and arrogantly doing what he believed to be right.

"I believe it is his gross errors of judgement on matters of seamanship that helped to cause the Marques to be sailing where she was and how she was when she sank."

The hearing was adjourned until today.

Importer ends Maserati link after long dispute

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

A long-running dispute between the British importer of Maserati cars and the Italian manufacturer ended abruptly yesterday with an announcement that all connections would be severed. A new importer is to be appointed to rescue sales which ceased nearly two years ago.

International Motors, the West Bromwich-based group which also imports Japanese Subaru and South Korean Hyundai cars, said: "We no longer have any connection with Maserati in Italy, and are not responsible for selling Maserati cars in the UK."

The dispute has its origins in the factory's refusal to produce right-hand-drive versions of the Maserati Biturbo, the group's first moderately priced executive car, which has been on sale in Italy for three years.

Mr Bob Edmiston, chief executive of International Motors, has said publicly that he agreed to take on the Maserati concession in 1980 only because of the potential of the new down-market car, which he could sell for about £12,000 compared with £18,000 for the cheapest traditional Maserati.

Last night Mr Mario Condivi, a London businessman who held the Maserati concession until 1980, said he was acting as consultant to Maserati to help form a new import company. It was intended to sell 200 Biturbos in the first year. Right-hand-drive production should start next April.

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Red tape and high pay blocking jobs, IBM chief says

By Donald Macintyre, Labour Editor

High wage rates, "paralysing" regulations on employing labour and the red tape afflicting businessmen starting companies are factors blocking the growth of jobs in Europe, the head of International Business Machines in the region said yesterday.

Mr Kaspar Cassani, chairman of IBM World Trade, launched an uncompromising attack on the uncompetitiveness of European labour as a key factor behind the contrast between success of the United States in creating 20 million new jobs over the past 25 years with the loss of three million jobs in Europe over the same period.

Mr Cassani's address to an Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development conference in Paris will be welcomed by British ministers, particularly at a time when they are under attack from some Confederation of British Industry leaders in Harrogate for some of their economic policies.

The views of IBM, the world's biggest computer company and one of the largest in any sector which steadfastly refuses to recognize trade unions, are strongly in line with those of the Prime Minister and Lord Young of Graffham who have both been arguing that deregulation could be a significant spur to the creation of jobs.

Mr Cassani told the conference that the growing importance of information technology meant that about 50 per cent of jobs in the year 2,000 did not yet exist. But Europe's share of those jobs would depend on the "favourable factors" which could be brought to bear on the region's labour market.

Mr Cassani claimed that "rules and regulations that were well meant" had resulted in "paralysing rigidities". He said: "Labour legislation in Europe makes it much harder to dismiss employees for economic reasons. And employers are therefore much more reluctant to take on new staff."

The Swiss-born Mr Cassani complained that in Europe it might take up to four months to complete the legal formalities to start a company compared with "a few days" in the US.

Mr Cassani's line was in sharp contrast with that of the chairman of the other main computer company represented at the conference, Control Data, who stressed the role that big business could play in co-operating with local government and other concerns in helping small companies to start up.

Mr William Norris, chairman of Control Data, who has been involved in joint public private sector job-creation initiatives in the mid-west and the south of the US, said that "Co-operation at the community level will stimulate co-operation within industry, among industry, academia and government . . . to achieve the vastly-increased innovation necessary to provide jobs needed in the future."

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Hope rises after opera pay talks

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

The Royal Opera House could be back in operation by the end of the week if a pay settlement designed to end the week-long strike by members of its orchestra is accepted today.

The Covent Garden management and the Musicians union, which is representing the 120-member orchestra had discussions yesterday through a third party about ways of ending the strike.

Covent Garden estimates that the shutdown is costing it £130,000 in lost receipts. According to the union which is seeking a 10 per cent rise for its members, the strike would cost the Covent Garden management only £20,000 a year to settle.

But the management, which has offered a package of about 8.5 per cent, fears the knock-on effect of a 10 per cent rise on other unions in the company.

Covent Garden confirmed that the two sides had been in touch and developments were expected today. It will take the company several days to reorganize the schedule of the Royal Opera and Royal Ballet after the strike to return to performing.

The company's box office has remained open throughout the dispute and has issued refunds for cancelled performances.



Mr Lewis Maby, a violinist in the 120-member Royal Opera House orchestra, striking a cheerful note at his home in Pinner, north-west London, despite facing the toughest sacrifice he may have to make to survive the walkout: selling his home. With him is his wife, Jennifer, and his children (from left) Jonathan, Andrew, Richard and Christopher.

With a £38,500 mortgage and a gross weekly salary of £195 coming in for the past four months, Mr Maby, aged 35, has been warned by his bank manager the house might have to go.

He said since the Royal Opera's management cut back on overtime and extra earnings through recordings four months ago, the musicians have been forced to survive on the basic salary. "We are only asking for an extra £19.50 a week. I am committed to fighting for that small amount because I simply am unable to cope on a flat £195 a week gross."

Many in the orchestra believe they should be earning more like £250 a week, which would still be below their counterparts in Europe and the United States, who earn closer to £500 a week.

Like many of his musician colleagues, Mr Maby has been forced to dip into family savings to come up with the mortgage every month.

His remaining option, after selling the home, which he does not want to do, is forgoing his orchestral career and turning to full-time teaching. In the past he has managed to do some teaching and freelance work but it has been minimal because of the Royal Opera's schedules. (Photograph: Bill Warhurst)

Increase in security at planned cruise base

Workmen began building a new high security main gate at the proposed cruise missile base at Molesworth, Cambridgeshire, early yesterday.

The work, which started after 1.30 am, involved fencing in Ministry of Defence land to the south-east of the main missile site, which was left open when the 600-acre base was secured by the Army and the police in February.

A ministry spokesman said the fencing operation was "routine" and there was "no sinister reason" why it began in the early hours. "We wanted an element of surprise to reduce the risk of confrontation with demonstrators there", he said.

The new main gate area was not the original site chosen, and was intended to be sold for agriculture use, but the ministry had been unable to buy the land it needed elsewhere.

£2,000 bequest for huntsman

Mr Dorian Williams, the equestrian commentator for BBC television for more than 30 years, who died in July of cancer, has left estate valued at £555,282 net in his will published yesterday.

Included among his bequests is £2,000 to Mr Albert Buckle, who was for 26 years Mr Williams's huntsman during his Mastership of the Whaddon Chase Hunt. £500 to the Whaddon Chase Hunt and £500 each to the Maids Moreton Church and Milton Keynes Operatic Society.

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Divorce for model in Times ad

Vivien Neves, a former top model who was the first woman to appear naked in an advertisement in *The Times*, divorced Mr John Kelly, aged 40, a fashion photographer, yesterday because of his admitted adultery.

Miss Neves, aged 37, of West Clandon, Surrey, now suffers from multiple sclerosis and spends much of her time in a wheelchair. The couple have a daughter, Kelly, aged 11.

Court drama

Magistrates at Salisbury's Guildhall have agreed to the use of the courtroom for a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera, *Trial by Jury*, for five nights from December 3.

MPs urge tough action to prevent City frauds

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Conservative and Opposition MPs are inceasing their pressure on the Government to take tougher action to prevent City of London frauds in the wake of the Johnson Matthey and Lloyd's controversies.

Senior MPs are pressing the Government to strengthen its forthcoming Financial Services Bill and to consider whether to intorduce an organization similar to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in the United States.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, yesterday wrote to Mrs Thatcher calling for government action to prevent the City sinking "into a slough of scandal".

He said the Government must insist on higher standards of professional behaviour in the City to protect small investors, insurers and pension holders.

He voiced concern at the ethics and standards of behaviour in the City where "thousands of people are accumulating private fortunes at a level almost unknown in industry".

Livestock farming: 2

Health threat in illicit animal drugs trade

Since the discovery of penicillin by Sir Alexander Fleming, the value of antibiotics in medical treatment has never been seriously questioned. But precisely what is prescribed, in what circumstances and for what purposes, is altogether more controversial.

Most people are probably unaware that antimicrobial compounds are extensively added to animal feeds. Their purpose is partly prophylactic, to suppress diseases likely to occur as a result of modern intensive farming methods, with animals confined in close proximity.

But they are also openly and legally used like anabolic steroids as growth promoters. By inhibiting the action of micro-organisms in animals' digestive systems, they have been found to effect notable gains in what is known as feed conversion efficiency.

Their use is officially governed by the Medicines Act 1968, administered by the Ministry of Agriculture on the advice of its veterinary products committee. The committee is responsible, among other things, for monitoring all antibiotic feed additives for possible effects on human health.

The most obvious risks are that people eating meat from animals fed with antibiotics could develop either allergic reactions or resistance to subsequent treatment.

The general presumption is that antibiotics used for treating human illnesses should not be administered to animals, and that there should be a statutory withdrawal period before animals are sent to slaughter, to reduce, if not eliminate, the likelihood of residues in the carcasses.

The conviction last month of an agricultural merchant for illegally supplying antibiotics to farmers confirmed public suspicions that drugs were being administered to animals without proper supervision. As JOHN YOUNG, Agriculture Correspondent, reports in the second of two articles, the veterinary and pharmaceutical professions are becoming concerned that the situation may get out of hand.

Since the first report in 1970 of the joint committee on the use of antibiotics in animal husbandry and veterinary medicine, known as the Swann report, a distinction has been made between therapeutic antibiotics used for the prevention of disease, that may be given only under prescription and for short periods, and feed antibiotics administered in order to improve productivity.

Veterinary surgeons have argued strongly against any restrictions on the pre-emptive use of antibiotics in order to prevent herd disease. Dr John Walton, of Liverpool University, says that any delay in administering antibacterials would be "counter-productive and administratively unsound".

But last month a leading article in *The Veterinary Record* expressed grave concern at the growing incidence of salmonellosis in both humans and animals, which it associated with an increase in antibiotic resistance.

The article said that veterinary surgeons were under considerable pressure to prescribe antibiotics.

It said: "The emphasis has shifted from their use as growth promoters to prophylaxis to counter the stress imposed on calves by modern practices. . . . Consequently higher levels are being used over unneccessarily long periods of time."

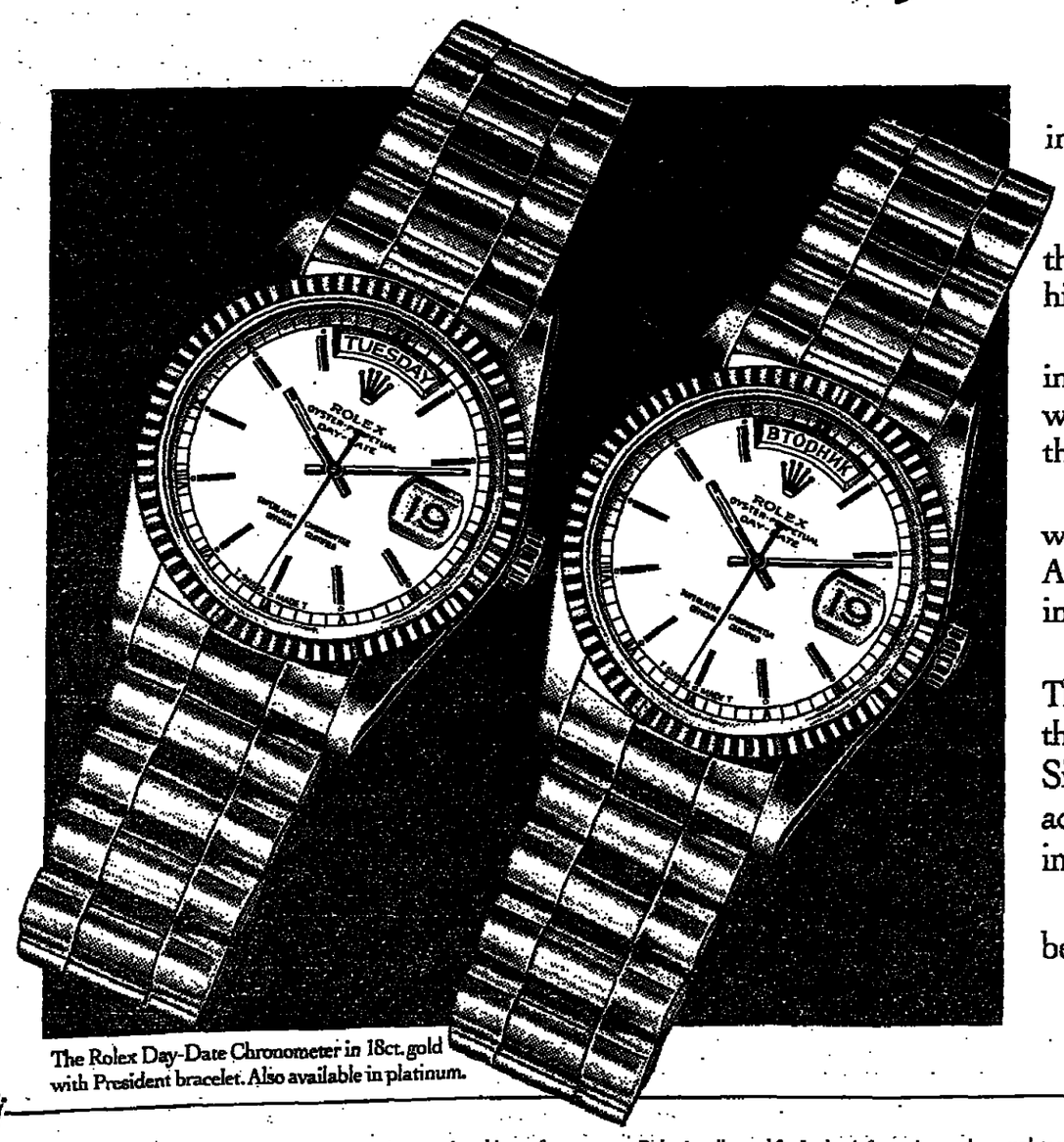
A month after the article was published, a Wiltshire agricultural merchant was fined £7,500 by Devizes magistrates for illegally supplying prescription-only medicines to farmers.

The Pharmaceutical Society brought the prosecution.

The society, which is deeply concerned at the situation, says that some farmers are unaware or dismissive of the dangers of the indiscriminate use of antibiotics, or resent the fact that supplies must be made through a veterinary surgeon. Those factors encourage a black market.

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National interests cast a shadow over EEC summit

From Richard Owen, Brussels

While the eyes of the world are on Geneva, West European leaders are involved in intensive preparations for their own crucial summit in Luxembourg on EEC reform, which is less than two weeks away.

Meetings are being held here at ministerial level in an effort to find common ground, with Europe's foreign ministers holding extra sessions today and early next week. But it looks increasingly as if the summit itself may have to resolve national differences, giving rise to fears of disarray similar to that which marred the last summit in Milan in June.

Yesterday Britain and West Germany blocked proposals for monetary cohesion and moves toward an EEC central bank put forward by the Commission President, M Jacques Delors. Britain is not a full member of the European Monetary System.

EEC finance ministers, including Mr Nigel Lawson, the chancellor of the Exchequer, failed to reach agreement after a day of talks on lifting fiscal barriers as part of the proposed liberalization of internal European trade. Officials said there were higher priorities for EEC reform than the complex question of monetary cohesion.

There is, however, growing support for a formula advanced by France and West Germany for a "single European market without borders". This is backed by Britain, which feels that earlier more broadly-worded reform measures enshrining the concept of a "Europe without frontiers" were too idealistic and failed to take into account the need to control drugs, terrorism and illegal immigration.

The EEC summit – properly known as the European Council – is intended to mark a watershed in progress toward European unity and cohesion, with new decision-making procedures among the Twelve and the adoption of a common foreign policy, not least on East-West issues

There is irritation with President Mitterrand over his decision to stay away from Mr Reagan's briefing for the Western allies here on Thursday after his talks with the Soviet leader.

Other reform issues on the Luxembourg agenda include: The powers of the European Parliament, which claims to be the only democratic body in the EEC; the free movement of goods, services, capital and people across European borders; and completion of the internal market by 1992.

There was some progress at the last foreign ministers' session in Luxembourg a week ago on technological co-operation and environmental protection. But Britain, which was initially sceptical about the Inter-Governmental Conference, still takes the view that none of the proposed reforms needs to be written into an amended Treaty of Rome.

Dog finds woman trapped in volcano debris



A woman trapped in Armero by the Colombian volcano disaster awaits rescue after being found by her dog.

Mugabe says British wealth enslaves the masses

Harare (AP) – The Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, Mr Robert Mugabe, accused Britain of putting wealth before human rights by not supporting sanctions against South Africa and warned Zimbabweans to brace themselves for economic hardship.

He told thousands of his supporters at a rally that the Organization of African Unity (OAU) should force Britain to adopt a more meaningful posture on sanctions against Shouth Africa.

"Must Britain continue to reap economic harvests . . . at the expense of the South African masses?" he asked.

Britain's wealth in South Africa was being used to "enslave the toiling black masses". Mrs Margaret Thatcher's denial that apartheid has the root cause of violence in the southern African region, posed the moral question of what was more important: wealth or people.

Zimbabwe remained implacably opposed to apartheid and, no matter how tough the going, would never become subservient to the whims of Pretoria.

Mr Mugabe said Zimbabwe was already suffering from South African support of armed rebels in its own country and neighbouring Mozambique, where bandits frequently attacked Zimbabwe

South Africa is still Zimbabwe's biggest trading partner, and its road and rail networks and ports carry more than 85 per cent of landlocked Zimbabwe's imports and exports.

The road to Geneva

Gorbachov team mirrors new Kremlin style

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

When Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, begins his summit with President Reagan later today he will be assisted by a high-powered delegation whose composition reflects both the change and continuity which have been matching components of his individualistic style of leadership.

The changes in the eight months since he came to power were highlighted at the airport here yesterday when Mr Gorbachov was seen off by, among others, President Gromyko, the former Foreign Minister, who had conferred with every US president since Franklin Roosevelt.

In his place, Mr Gorbachov was accompanied on the flight by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the affable, Georgian-born Foreign Minister, whose smooth public manner is seen as typifying the change in Soviet diplomatic image from the gruff, often hectoring tone adopted by Mr Gromyko.

Mr Shevardnadze, aged 57, is still a relative newcomer to superpower diplomacy and has only been in office since July. But observers have already noted a sharp increase in his confidence after working visits to Helsinki, Paris and the US. The new minister also played an important role in the pre-summit mission to Moscow by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State.

To Western television viewers, one of the most familiar members of the Soviet delegation – and one who has already proved his ability as a TV performer – is Dr Georgy Arbatov, the approachable and sharp-witted head of Moscow's Institute for the Study of the USA and Canada, an offshoot of the Academy of Sciences.

Handpicked for his abilities as a communicator, the bespectacled, slightly round Dr Arbatov is a favourite source for foreign newsmen based in the Soviet capital. In recent years he has propelled the institute into being a formulator of policy as well as a base for academic research.

Dr Arbatov, aged 62, is a seasoned analyst of US affairs who rarely deviates from the official Soviet line, although some American observers claim to detect a yearning for a return to the heady days of détente of the early 1970s in some of his writings.

His interpretation of the American position as it unfolds in Geneva will be backed by that of Mr Anatoly Dobrinin, the experienced Washington Ambassador.

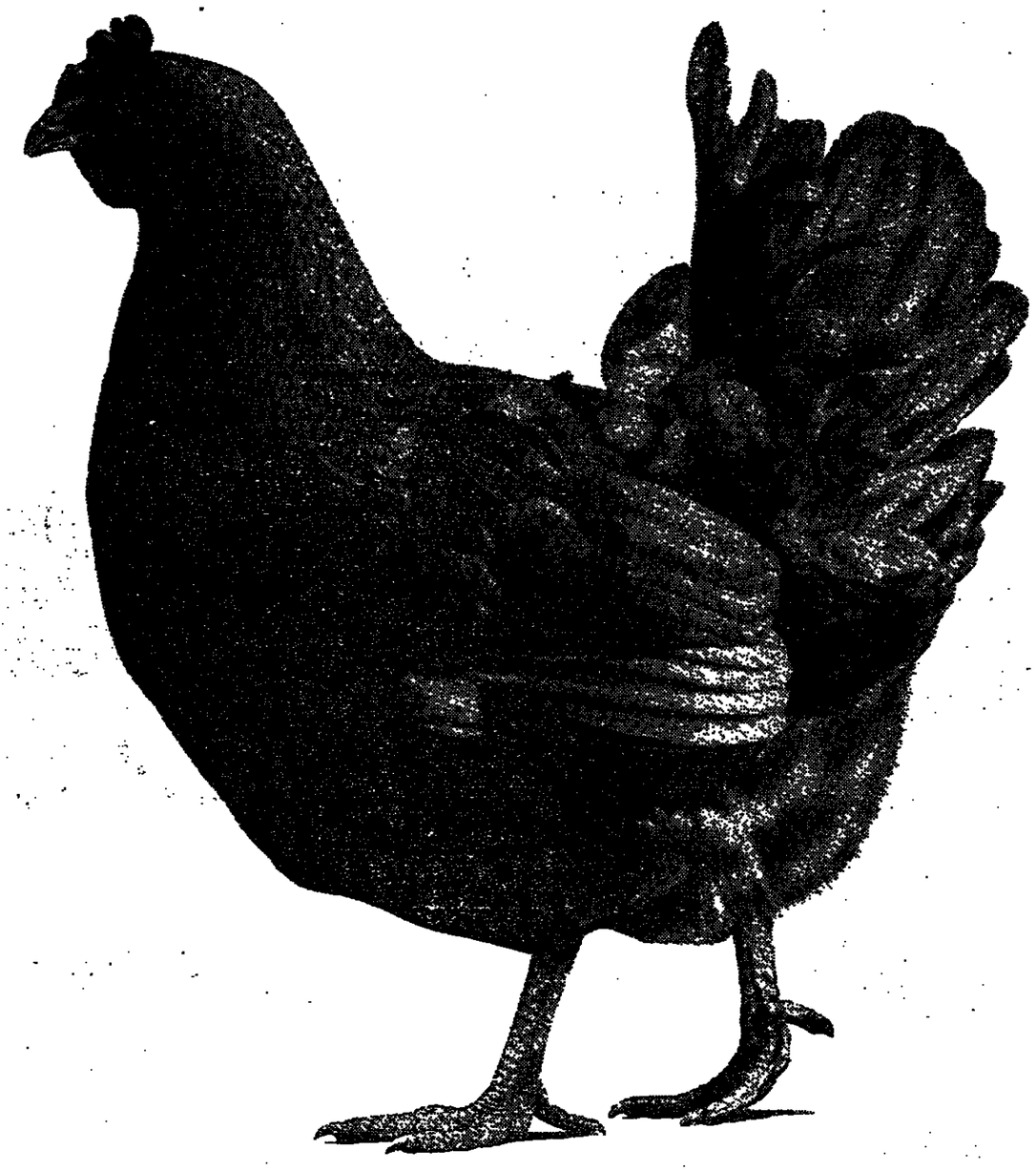
Other prominent members of the Soviet team include two men with long records of advising Soviet leaders in the pre-Gorbachov era. Mr Leonid Zamyatin, the senior press spokesman, has served five leaders dating back to Nikita Khrushchev in 1961, and Mr Andrei Alexandrov previously gave foreign policy advice to Brezhnev, Andropov and Chernenko.

Mr Zamyatin, aged 63, chief of the international information department of the Communist Party's Central Committee, is regarded as one of the great survivors of Kremlin politics. Several Western observers in Moscow were proved wrong when they predicted a quick demise for him after the Gorbachev accession.

In October, Mr Zamyatin masterminded the highly effective Soviet propaganda offensive during the visit to Paris by Mr Gorbachov and his wife, Raisa. This month, he has already been working energetically in Geneva laying the ground for what is expected to be the greatest-ever Soviet publicity drive.

Mr Alexandrov is another member of the old guard on whose experience Mr Gorbachov has chosen to lean, adding to the inbuilt resistance inside the Kremlin structure for any dramatic switches in the substance of the Soviet line, as opposed to its new, slicker, more opea presentation.

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Goncourt goes to young Breton

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The Goncourt, France's most important literary prize and the nearest French equivalent to the Booker Prize, was awarded yesterday to a little-known author of Breton origin, Yann Queffélec, for his second novel *Les Noces Barbares* (Barbaric Nuptials).

Unlike the Booker Prize, the Goncourt brings with it no great monetary reward, merely a cheque for 50 francs (£4.35). But its winner is assured of a vast boost in sales of his work, in the royalties that go with it and in his reputation.

L'Amant (The Lover) by Marguerite Duras, winner of last year's Goncourt, has broken Goncourt records with sales of nearly a million copies in the past 12 months. Even in a "bad" year, a Goncourt winner can expect sales of at least 150,000. This year's Goncourt jury, 10 writers and literary "personalities", to award the prize to M Queffélec, aged 35, marks a return to the intentions of the founders of the award, Jules and Edmond de Goncourt, who decreed in 1983 that it should recognize youth and original talent.

The Goncourt jury has in the past frequently ignored the first of those criteria, as last year when the prize went to Marguerite Duras, who is 71, and in 1982 when it was awarded to Lucien Bodard, aged 67.

Les Noces Barbares is the story of Ludo, a child born to a 13-year-old girl raped by three American soldiers who is rejected and shut up in a loft until the day his mother makes a "good" match and decides to obliterate her shame by sending him to a psychiatric institution.

There Ludo, who has never been taught to read or write, takes refuge in an imaginary world and develops an irrational passion for the mother who has treated him so badly.

His mother comes to fetch him, not as he thinks to take him to live with her, but to take him back to the psychiatric hospital. He kills her before drowning himself. Queffélec, a literary critic for the *Nouvel Observateur* magazine, is the son of the Breton novelist, Henri Queffélec.

The Renaudot Prize, founded in 1925 by a group of literary journalists to "correct" the choice of the Concourt jury, was awarded yesterday to Raphaële Billetdoux, aged 34, one of the seven short-listed candidates for the Goncourt Prize, for her poetic novel of a delirious, romantic passion, *Mes Nuits Sont Plus Belles Que Vos Jours (My Nights are more wonderful than your Days)*.

England cling to chess lead

From Raymond Keene, Lucerne

After two rounds of the world chess team championship here, the English team still leads with 8½ points from a possible 12.

In the second round England went down to the strong Hugarian side by 3½ to 2½. Grandmaster John Nunn lost his game to Grandmaster Zoltan Ribli, but the other five games ended as draws after 4½ hours of tense play

The scores after two rounds are: England 8½ pts; Soviet Union 7½ plus one game still adjourned; Hungary 7, also with one game adjourned, and Switzerland and West Germany both with 6½ and one adjourned game each.

Meanwhile, in the match between the Soviet Union and France, one of the most important games in the entire event is being played with Anatoly Karpov, the recently-defeated world champion, with the White pieces in an exciting duel with the former Russian world champion, Boris Spassky, who is now representing France.

Experts regard this game as an important test of Karpov's confidence after losing the world chess title last week to Gary Kasparov.

Maronite bishop shot dead

Beirut (AP) – Gunmen assassinated the deputy Maronite Catholic bishop of western Bekaa Valley and his nephew yesterday near their home in the village of Saghbin.

A police spokesman said Father Boulos Georges Sahjlani, and 52, and Alfred Younis, aged 20, were ambushed as they drove to Eitanit nearby.

China's stars

Peking (Reuter) – Four workers in the Chinese city of Suzhou spent 300 days embroidering the images of the Prince and Princess of Wales in silk, the *China Daily* reported. The embroidered piece, measuring 20in by 16in, has a picture of Prince Charles on one side and the Princess of Wales on the other.

Sri Lanka tally

Colombo – The committee monitoring the cessation of hostilities in Sri Lanka said that 23,465 people from 5,262 families were being housed in 51 refugee camps in the Trincomalee district. Of the refutees, 11,547 are from the majority Sinhalese community, while 12,008 are minority Tamils.

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Paris summits to decide Channel link fate

By Rodney Cowton

Mrs Margaret Thatcher will visit France twice early next year – decisive steps towards the construction of a fixed link channel bridge or tunnel.

The first visit, in January, will be to announce the selection of one of the four sets of proposals submitted for the project. In February she will go again for the signing of a treaty between Britain and France setting out the legal and economic framework within which the fixed link will operate.

These points emerged yesterday at the end of a morning of consultations between the Prime Minister, and President Mitterrand in Downing Street. They both expressed their enthusiasm for a cross-Channel link, though they would not forecast how soon it might be in operation.

Mrs Thatcher said the construction of the fixed link was one of the exciting things this generation could do for the future generations. The French President thought the fact that the time table for the project was being adhered to indicated that there was a will to succeed.

The proposed treaty is intended to establish a framework for such things as legal jurisdiction, provision of duty-free facilities, if any, safety aspects during the construction and operation of the link, and arbitration in the event of strikes. An important element will be political guarantees against arbitrary cancellation of the project by either side.

In parallel with the construction of the fixed link, a joint statement issued after yesterday's summit, said the governments had stated their willingness to take complementary measures to develop trade, encourage free movement of trade, facilitate frontier crossings and improve traffic conditions on both sides of the fixed link.

Customs and immigration controls will be assimilated to reduce delays for travellers and traffic. This appears to imply that there will be only one control area for movements in either direction and suggests that one or both countries may have customs and immigration controls established on the other's territory.

Plans to improve the road networks giving access to the fixed link are to be prepared.

President Mitterrand said he welcomed the Anglo-Irish agreement signed last Friday, and Mrs Thatcher returned the compliment by congratulating France on having the idea for the Eureka high-technology programme which, she said, had got off to a very good start.

The President and Mrs Thatcher also had detailed discussions on reform of the European Community in preparation for the meeting in Luxembourg next month of the European Council and the intergovernmental conference. Mrs Thatcher said it was important that at Luxembourg they should "take the whole concept of Europe a practical stage further".

Until the European Council meeting in Milan last spring they had been "doing so well in solving the problems" and they wanted to feel that Luxembourg would be a constructive meeting. President Mitterrand said their views seemed to be "more complementary" than in the past.

The question of France taking a small stake in the four-nation European Fighter Project was discussed by the British and French Defence Ministers, Mr Michael Heseltine and M. Paul Quiles, in the margins of the meetings between President Mitterrand and Mrs Thatcher.

M. Mitterrand recently suggested the possibility of taking a small stake, and also of the EFA partners, Britain, West Germany, Italy and Spain, also taking a share in the French Rafale fighter project.

He said yesterday that he was not suggesting re-opening the EFA negotiations, but was seeking to find ways in which European countries could look 30 years ahead, and co-ordinate their requirements, creating a family of military aircraft.



Mrs Thatcher and President Mitterrand at yesterday's press conference (Photograph: John Manning).

Students storm Seoul party HQ

Seoul (AP) – Police using fire-fighting ladders swarmed on to the roof of a building of the ruling Democratic Justice Party yesterday and dragged away 182 students staging an anti-Government, anti-US protest.

The demonstration and occupation ended six hours after the student activists, throwing petrol bombs and brandishing clubs, charged into the building in southern Seoul. One building guard, three firemen and three students were injured.

A total of 190 students from 14 universities were said to have been involved. Authorities said police seized the students after they retreated to the roof of the building. One protester jumped but was caught uninjured in a safety net, while two others walked out of the building on their own. Five demonstrators were arrested when the group charged into the building in the early hours.

All the students taking part were led away for questioning, possible detention and prosecution.

As in other protests in recent weeks, the theme of the demonstration was both opposition to the Seoul Government and to the economic and trade policies of the US.

One placard displayed on the side of the building demanded that "the US supporting prolonged seizure of power, get out". Others called for an end to the "policy of opening the domestic market to (foreign) agricultural and marine products", while other proclaimed "down with dictatorship".

Middle East peace plea by Sultan

Muscat (Reuter) – Sultan Qaboos bin Said of Oman appealed in a national day speech yesterday for peace in the Middle East and Gulf as foreign leaders attending the celebrations held bilateral talks

He was speaking to representatives of more than 60 countries, including nine heads of state and government, attending the festivities on the Sultan's 45th birthday.

Among foreign leaders using their visit for bilateral talks were the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi and President Zia of Pakistan. They emerged from their meeting optimistic that relations could be improved. General Zia is to pay an official visit to India on December 16.

President Mubarak of Egypt, King Husain of Jordan and the Sudanese leader, General Abdul-Rahman Swar al-Dahab, were also engaged in rounds of high-level diplomacy.

Sultan Qaboos appealed for efforts "to improve the present stagnant situation" in the Middle East peace process. Expressing support for Palestinian-Jordanian peace moves, he urged friends of Israel to try to end what he described as Israeli intransigence.

He also urged Iran and Iraq to heed meditation efforts to end their five-year war. He did not differentiate between the two sides and said a settlement must guarantee the rights of both parties.

The Sultan said he hoped today's Geneva summit would "commence an effective détente" in the world.

More die in Cape clashes with police

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Four blacks were killed by shotgun fire in clashes with police on Sunday night in continuing violence in the Eastern Cape, according to a police bulletin issued here yesterday. The incidents occurred in the Queenstown region, a district not covered by the state of emergency.

At least four other deaths were reported at the weekend, most of them caused by police action against alleged rioters. About 850 people are estimated to have been killed in unrest in the past 14 months.

In the Cape Peninsula, police reported three grenade attacks at the weekend. Three people, including a railway policeman and the wife of a police lieutenant, were involved. There have been at least 20 grenade attacks in the peninsula in the past five months.

Meanwhile, fears were expressed yesterday that the strike at Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto, Johannesburg's sprawling black satellite township, could spread to other hospitals in the Transvaal.

The black Municipal and Allied Workers' Union, which claims 17,000 members, has threatened to join the strike if the grievances of student nurses and daily-paid hospital workers are not met.

The director of hospital services in the Transvaal, Dr Hennie van Wyk, told *The Times* that 800 student nurses and 700 daily-paid workers, including kitchen staff, cleaners and porters, had been dismissed. He said the authorities would consider requests to be reinstated from those who had been "intimidated" into striking.

Troops and civil defence volunteers were called at the weekend to help run the hospital, which is said to be the biggest in the southern hemisphere. Dr van Wyk said that "all essential services" at the hospital, which is out of bounds to the press, were being maintained.

Doe severs Sierra Leone links

From Richard Everett
Abidjan

Liberia has recalled its ambassador to Sierra Leone for "consultations" after accusations of Sierra Leonean involvement in last week's failed coup, Liberian radio said.

General Doe, the Liberian leader, said that land border with Sierra Leone would be permanently closed. He announced the recall of the ambassador and the Liberian secretary-general of the Mano River Union, a regional organization grouping Libera, Sierra Leone and Guinea, based in the Sierra Leone capital, Freetown. There has been no official reaction from Sierra Leone.

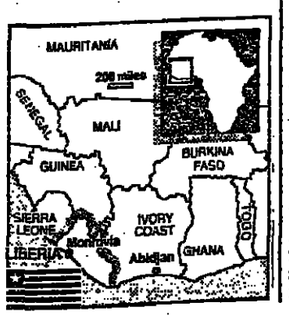
The moves follow accusations at the weekend by General Doe that participants in last Tuesday's coup attempt had been trained at a Sierra Leone army camp and had crossed the border into Liberia in a Sierra Leone police van.

General Doe told diplomats in Monrovia on Saturday that he had written a letter last August to President Stevens of Sierra Leone warning him that Liberia had information about a plan to train anti-government mercenaries in Sierra Leone.

Sierra Leone has denied any official knowledge of such plans, and President Stevens sent a message assuring General Doe that his country would not tolerate such activities.

General Doe also said Guineans, Ghanaians and Cubans were involved in what he refers to as the "invasion". An alleged coup plotter, Major Anthony Marque, also claimed there was foreign involvement. He said the plotters recruited supporters in Ivory Coast and then took them to Sierra Leone for training.

Cuba has denied involvement in the plot, while an Ivory Coast Foreign Ministry official said his country would "never allow Ivory Coast to be a base for mercenary attacks".



Liverpool fan still held in Brussels

Brussels – Liverpool football suporter James McGill was again remanded in custody here yesterday and his family denounced the Belgium legal system which has kept him in prison for nearly six months. Mr McGill, aged 21, was arrested in May after the Liverpool-Juventus game at the Heysel stadium, in which 38 people died in a stampede. He is the last of the nine Britons held after the European Cup final to remain in Belgium.

Coffee war

Managua (AFP) – Th Nicaraguan Government may temporarily close certain ministries so that staff can help harvest coffee, the country's biggest export. President Ortega said it was vital that Nicaragua won the "coffee war" which he said the US was waging.

Rare bird

San Francisco (AP) – A great white albatross, once believed extinct, was spotted recently in California waters. The bird, a short-tailed variety of albatross, was declared extinct in the 1930's but 20 pairs were counted on the Japanese island of Torishima in 1957.

Refugee shot

Havana (Reuter) – A Cuban seeking asylum in the Venezuelan Embassy here was shot dead as he and another man climbed the compound fence, diplomatic sources said.

Heatwave toll

Cape Town (AFP) – At least five people died and 12 drowned during a heatwave which hit the Cape last weekend, sending temperatures up to 115F.

Buses collide

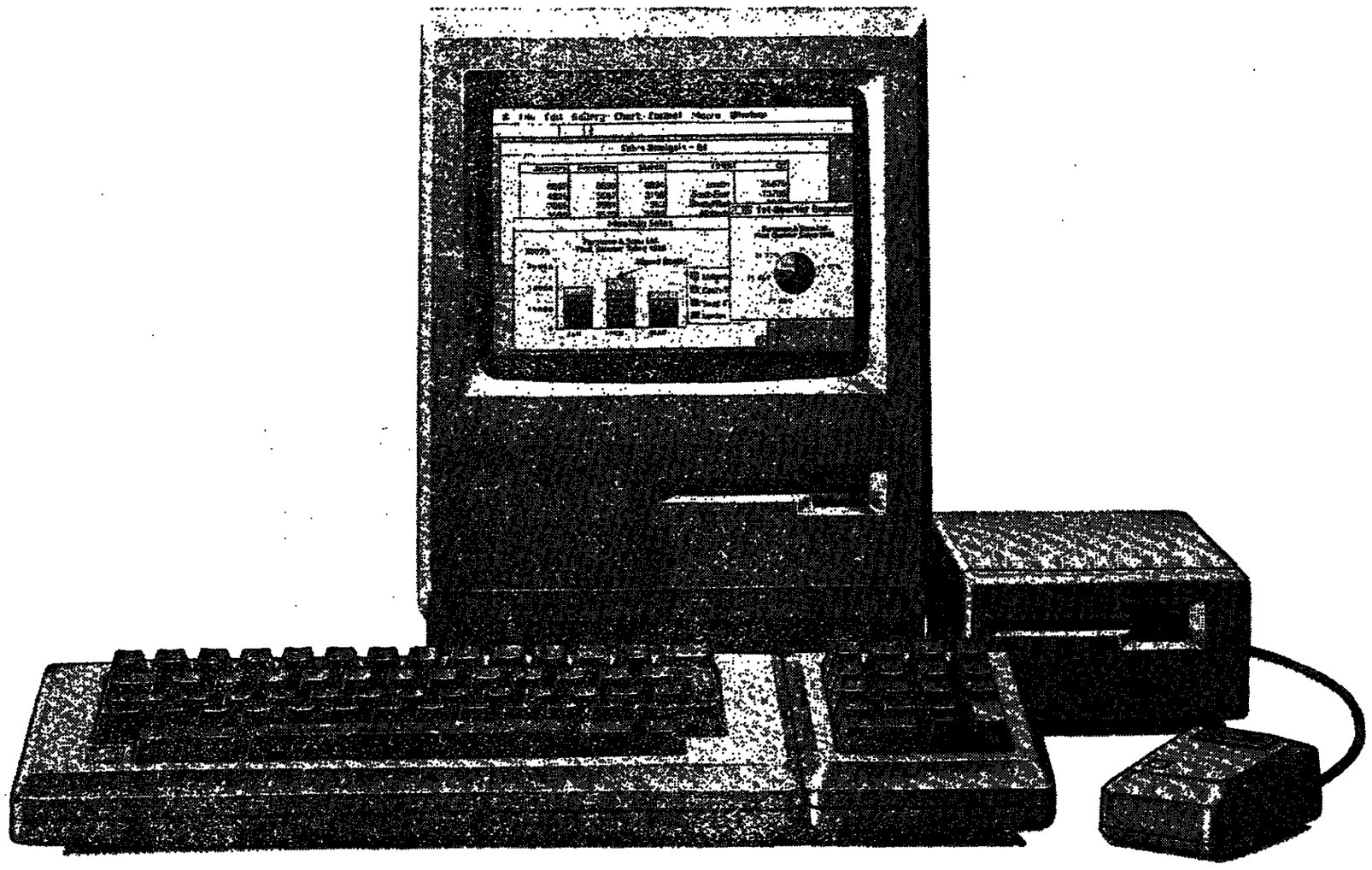
Islamabad (Reuter) – Twenty people were killed and 80 injured, 15 of them seriously, in a collision between two buses in Pakistan's Punjab province, the official news agency reported.

Papal visit

Rome (AP) – The Pope will visit 14 cities in India during a 10-day trip in February, the Vatican announced.

Sailors rescued

St Augustine, Florida (AP) – Two sailors who drifted up to 250 miles in the Atlantic on an inflatable life raft were rescued after surviving three days on a fruit juice and biscuits.



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Portugal warned by new leader not to expect too much of EEC

From Martha de la Cal, Lisbon

Senhor Anibal Cavaco Silva, Portugal's new Social Democrat Prime Minister, feels a sense of mission to lead Portugal into the EEC, but he sees entry in 1986 as a difficult challenge.

In his first exclusive interview since taking office, he told *The Times*: "This Government was quicte clearly chosen by the people to lead the country into the EEC. The Government, the entrepreneurs and other groups must not delay measures to modernize the economy or the results could be disastrous, not only from an economic and social but also from a political point of view. If the population is disillusioned within a few years, and does not see its welfare improve, the Communist Party, which has always opposed European integration, could take advantage of that."

He criticized the former Socialist government of Mr Mario Soares, whom he replaced after the October parliamentary elections, for "presenting the EEC as a paradise", and added: "I have tried to be more realistic; I say it depends on us."

On the positive side, the Prime Minister said Portugal will benefit from the removal of restrictions on some of its products and from access to the large market. He emphasises, however, that Portugal could not become a net contributor to the Community. "It will have to depend on its capacity to prepare projects to receive regional funds and on the good will of the Community. As the least developed country in the EEC, Portugal has to be a net receiver."

The Prime Minister admitted that the terms negotiated with Spain "were not very good for Portugal even though they were the same as with other countries". He said the difference was that Spain and Portugal were next-door neighbours. "Transport costs are low. Their firms are much better prepared and more aggressive than ours. They will have an advantage when restrictions are removed."

He hoped that when the two countries were in the Community adjustments could be made. He would "do his best to strengthen economic cooperation and diplomatic relations with Spain".

Regarding Spain's possible military role in Nato Senhor Cavaco Silva said: "We are in favour of Spain being in Nato, but we would not accept that its entry sacrificed some of Portugal's position inside the Alliance. We want to keep Iberlant [Nato's naval command, based in Lisbon, for the Iberian Atlantic area], but that is a problem to be discussed."

Restoring the confidence of investors and permitting "controlled progress" are the main priorities of the new Prime Minister. "To achieve a reasonable rate of growth and solve the balance of payments problems, we must increase investment – mainly private not public – so we must establish confidence."

He is aiming at a three to four per cent growth and a six to seven per cent increase in exports. He is prepared to accept a $1 billion deficit, allow real wages to increase and reduce some income taxes. He believes that his Government will inspire confidence and attract both local and foreign investments. "The entrepreneurs believe in this Government. We expect a ten per cent increase in investment to face the challenge of the EEC," he said. The type of foreign investment he wants is "that which brings Portugal new technology and access to markets abroad".

He wants labour intensive rather than capital intensive industry. Portugal he said, offered investors generous incentives and further tax adjustments were planned.

"We are going to reduce interest rates and adjust the tax system to create favourable conditions for those prepared to take risks. We want people to invest rather than put their money in banks or abroad."

Senhor Cavaco Silva also promised to revise controversial labour laws prohibiting the sacking of employees. "The philosophy of my Government is to increase flexibility in all markets, and that includes the labour market. The present law is unacceptable because it prevents new investments. We want a situation where businessmen are encouraged to create new jobs."

He claimed his party had reached an agreement with the Socialists and one of the labour federations during the previous government to change the labour law. The Prime Minister also plans to reduce companies' contributions to social security and the unemployment fund.

The Prime Minister expressed his conviction that democracy was firmly implanted in Portugal. "This last election showed that it is very strong," he said. He described how the right-wing parties and the Communists were now able to campaign in each other's territory without clashing – which was not possible a few years ago.

Senhor Cavaco Silva said he was confident his Government would win parliamentary approval this week even though it lacked a majority. He was also confident it would survive after January's presidential election even though its candidate, the former Christian Democrat Diego Freitas do Amaral, might not be elected.



Senhor Cavaco Silva, who attacked his predecessor for 'presenting the Community as a paradise'.

Ex-minister faces Bonn freedom fund charge

From Frank Johnson
Bonn

A former Social democratic minister in the governments of Herr Willy Brandt and Herr Helmut Schmidt went on trial here yesterday accused of pocketing money which was meant to buy the freedom of political prisoners in East Germany.

Herr Egon Franke, aged 72, was, as minister for Inner-German Relations between 1969 and 1982, responsible for the policy, which is legal and has been pursued by all recent West German government, of giving the East Germans money in exchange for people.

He is accused of embezzlement and destroying documents. As in all West German trials, he was not required to enter a plea, but it is understood that Herr Franke is denying the charges.

The prosecution alleges that Herr Franke pocketed £1.5 million from a government fund used to buy prisoners. He says the money was spent as intended, but has been unable to produce documents which are, in effect, the East German receipts and which are normally available for such transactions. Herr Franke's former close aide, Herr Edgar Hirt, aged 48, is also accused. The case was adjourned for a week.

Bonn is estimated to have paid East Germany £800 million since 1963 for the release to the West of 20,000 political prisoners.

More pressure on Anzus

NZ sets out law to ban nuclear ships

From Richard Long, Wellington

New Zealand will give a copy of draft legislation banning all visits of nuclear warships, to the British High Commissioner, Mr Terence O'Leary, within the next two weeks.

The legislation, which is likely to lead to a further deterioration in relations between Washington and Wellington, was delivered to the Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, yesterday after several redrafts. He said it would be sent to Washington and Canberra before being introduced to Parliament early next month.

Mr Lange said that the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Geoffrey Palmer, would take the draft to Canberra when he attends a conference of state attorneys-general in the Australian capital during the first week in December. A senior Foreign Affairs official would deliver a draft to Washington. A copy would be passed to Mr O'Leary in Wellington, he said.

The Royal Navy is also affected by the ban because, like the Americans, it refuses to disclose which of its ships is nuclear-armed.

Legislation enforcing the ban would be followed by a review of the Anzus alliance linking Australia, the United States and New Zealand, Washington has said.

Meanwhile, Mr Lange, who earlier this month had a dispute with the retiring US Ambassador to New Zealand telling him his memory was wrong and his judgement deficient over Anzus details, yesterday accused another American diplomat of being condescending in his attitude.

Mr Lange's comment came after a speech by the American Consul-General in Auckland, Mr Gary Posz, who told an air force reunion that while New Zealand remained a valued friend, its behaviour was not that of a close ally. Mr Posz said New Zealand could not have it both ways.

Bangladesh press walkout

From Ahmed Fazil, Dhaka

More than 7,000 Bangladesh journalists and printers began a 24-hour strike yesterday and threatened indefinite industrial action from November 30 if their demands for higher pay and journalistic freedoms were not accepted by the authorities.

Mr Habibur Rahman Milon, president of the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists, which has more than 800 members, told a rally at the National Press Club yesterday that their demands included the end of military rule and the lifting of press laws curbing freedom of reporting.

Key economic post

Architect of Punjab accord is rewarded

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

One of the architects of the Punjab accord, which brought peace and elections to the troubled north Indian State, has been rewarded by Mr Rajiv Gandhi, his grateful Prime Minister. Mr Arjun Singh was appointed Governor of Punjab earlier this year as part of Mr Gandhi's urgent efforts to settle the five-year crisis in the state.

He has now been sworn in as Minister for Commerce in the central Government, a key economic post which should give him a significant role in Mr Gandhi's plans to take India into the 21st century. The Prime Minister smilingly said at the swearing-in ceremony: "There is no question of reward in politics. It is simply continuing to work."

But this is Mr Singh's first big job in the central Government, though he has been an effective minister or leader of the opposition in Madhya Pradesh since 1963. He became Chief Minister of the state in 1980, and one of his principal achievements – which left many observers gasping with admiration – was to make sure that no blame whatsoever attached to the Madhya Pradesh Government after the Bhopal tragedy 12 months ago.

The next month he led the state Congress Party to an overwhelming victory in the assembly elections, holding fast to the pro-Rajiv tide in the country, despite signs that it was ebbing in the elections of neighbouring Karnataka and Maharashtra.

Two days after he was sworn in again as Chief Minister, Mr Gandhi sent him to Punjab as Governor. Punjab was under direct rule from the centre and the Governor held a critical job in the peace process. While administering the state Mr Singh urged, cajoled and nudged the Sikh party to a settlement. Now that a democratically elected government is installed, his job as Governor reverts to that of constitutional monarch – the ceremonial head of the state.

Despite his name he is not a Sikh: the surname Singh was adopted by the Sikhs at the urging of Guru Gobind Singh. It means "lion" but was already the surname of many other martial types, particularly the Rajput caste of warriors and kings. So though all Sikhs are Singhs, not all Singhs are Sikhs.

At the same time as Mr Singh's resignation as Governor was announced, the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Mr M.M.K. Wali also resigned. Delhi is a union territory – a quasi-state in effect ruled directly from the centre – and the Lieutenant Governor is the chief executive arm of the Government there.

However, it appears that Mr Wali, an austere Kashmiri Brahmin and a career civil servant, has not been the success that was hoped for. No further position has been announced for him, and all that the Prime Minister would say at Mr Singh's swearing in was: "We had a review of the performance of the Delhi administration two months ago".

Mr Singh has been replaced by Shankar Dayal Sharma, an old Congress warhorse with a law doctorate from Cambridge, who has been Governor of Andhra Pradesh.

Mr Vasantdada Patil, the former Chief Minister of Maharashtra, another long standing Congress stalwart, signified his retirement from the rough and tumble of day-to-day politics by accepting the job of Governor of Rajasthan.

Army backs charter to defend Sudan democracy

From Gill Lusk, Khartoum

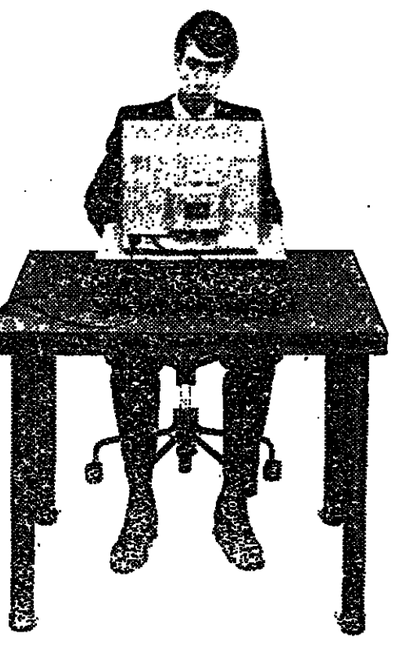
The Sudanese Army has pledged to refrain from political activity and to "protect freedom and democracy". The promise was made on Sunday as part of a "charter for the defence of democracy" drawn up by the National Alliance for the Salvation of the Country, a grouping of professional associations, trades unions and political parties formed after the April overthrow of President Nimeiry.

The charter, signed by the ruling Transitional Military council and the main unions and parties, also binds its signatories to take action against any attempt to overthrow democracy, by the military or civilians. "We guarantee to take all precautions necessary to resist and fight any attack on the democratic system, from whatever source."

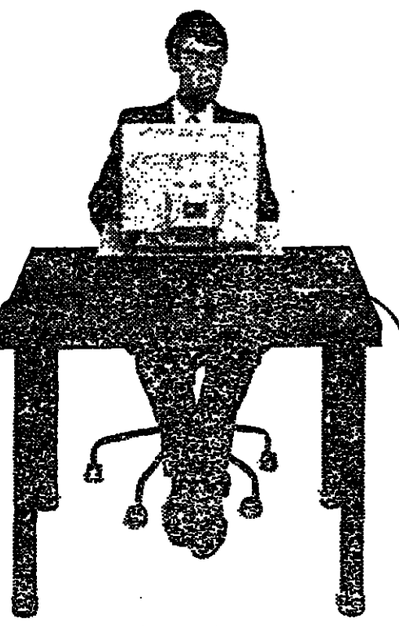
Political strikes, the weapon employed so successfully against General Nimeiry, are promised in the event of any future dictatorship. Any country which backs such a regime will be "top of the list of the enemies of the people", warns the charter, which was welcomed in a broadcast by the civilian Prime Minister, Dr al Gizuli Daffallah.

Conspicuously absent from those signing are the two right-wing fundamentalist parties, the Muslim Brotherhood and the Islamic Front, led by the former Nimeiry aide, Dr Hassan al-Turabi. The charter is seen here as a move not only to protest Sudan's infant democracy from potential coups but also from the fundamentalist parties.

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Marcos set to drop military chief after Aquino verdict

From Keith Dalton, Manila

President Marcos of the Philippines indicated yesterday that the armed forces' chief, General Fabian Ver, may not be reinstated, even if acquitted of involvement in the 1983 murder of Benigno Aquino, the former opposition leader.

General Ver, aged 67, could instead become a "consultant" in a "top-to-bottom reorganization" of the 200,000-strong armed forces, the state-run Philippine News Agency said.

The general's future was raised during a meeting of top military and defence officials presided over by Mr Marcos, who three days earlier had categorically stated that, if acquitted, General Ver would automatically be reinstated.

The meeting came two days before a verdict is expected in the Quino trial and as opposition parties tried to patch up a split in their ranks which could see two opposition candidates standing in a snap presidential poll early next year.

It was General Ver's first official function since he went on indefinite leave 13 months ago, although military sources have confirmed that he receives regular battlefield reports and updates on military matters and continues to supervise operations of the National Intelligence Security Agency.

"General Ver was asked if he will help in the reorganization even if he were not to be reinstated as armed forces' chief of staff, should he be acquitted in the Aquino murder trial," the news agency reported.

Washington has long insisted on the retirement of General Ver, blaming him for the politicization of the military and its poor battlefield performance against an estimated 12,500 Communist rebels.

Meanwhile, opposition unification efforts ground to a halt with the resignation on Sunday of Mrs Cecilia Munoz Palma, chairwoman of the National Unification Committee, charged with uniting the splintered opposition groups.

Mrs Palma, aged 72, resigned after an opposition presidential aspirant, Mr Salvador Laurel, angrily denounced her as a "dictator" during a closed-door meeting of the committee to discuss a single opposition candidate for the election.

The withdrawal of Mrs Palma could scuttle unification efforts. The committee is likely to split, with five opposition groups announcing they will nominate Mrs Corazon Aquino, the widow of the murdered opposition leader, as their presidential candidate.

Mr Laurel heads Unido, an eight-party alliance, which dominates the committee, and he is assured of their support to contest the presidential poll.

A split opposition vote could only be to the advantage of Mr Marcos, who says he wants a "fresh mandate" from the people to continue in office for a further six years.

Death mars Athens Polytechnic rally

From Mario Modiano
Athens

A Greek policeman who shot and killed a schoolboy, aged 15, during clashes with groups of bomb-throwing youths, has been remanded for questioning. Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Prime Minister, yesterday said that punishment for this "odious act" would be exemplary.

Protesting against the killing anarchists occupied the university's chemistry building to keep police at bay. But special forces, using lorries and tear gas invaded the building and evicted the demonstrators who set fire to the fourth floor. Thirty people were detained.

The incidents marred Sunday's celebrations to commemorate the Polytechnic student revolt of 1973 which opened the way for the downfall of the military dictatorship. The celebrations ended in a mass rally followed by a march of 200,000 protestors to the United States Embassy in Athens.

The marchers, mainly supporters of the ruling Socialists and opposition Communists, which both blame the Americans for the seven-year dictatorship, called for Greece's prompt withdrawal from Nato and the removal of the American "death bases". For the first time uniformed conscripts from the Greek armed forces were clearly present in what has now become an annual ritual to uphold the legend of American responsibility.

Youths described by police as anarchists who brought up the rear of the Polytechnic march, attacked the offices of South African Airways and smashed the windows of the Hilton hotel cafeteria causing panic among patrons. Later they went on a rampage through the city smashing windows and cars.

It was during a street battle with police that a band of youths brandishing cudgels, set a police bus on fire with bombs, flushing its occupants out. The last policeman to flee drew his pistol and fired two shots – "I did not see where I was shooting," he later said.

The boy, Michael Kaltezis, died of a head wound. Police said he was in the group which attacked the police bus.



A riot policeman arresting a protester outside the chemistry building.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

Syria: Muhammad Rabah al-Tamil

By Caroline Moorehead

Muhammad Rabah al-Tamil, a former Commander-in-Chief of the Syrian Army and Minister of the Interior, is one of 18 political prisoners who have been held for up to 15 years in al-Mezze military prison in Damascus.

The group includes a former president and five former Cabinet ministers. All served in or were closely connected with the 1966-1970 government of the Baath Party and were arrested after the coup of November 1970 which brought President Assad to power. Not one of them has been charged or tried.

Mr Rabah al-Tamil is in his early fifties. After completing his higher education he entered the Army, and between 1959 and his arrest in December 1970 occupied a series of increasingly prominent positions in the Baath Party.

He owes his arrest, like the 17 others, to his refusal to co-operate with the new government. In al-Mezze prison they are said to be kept away from other prisoners and to share two adjoining cells. There is access to a prison library but no books or newspapers can be brought in from outside. No correspondence to or from a prisoner is allowed.

Mr Rabah al-Tamil is thought to suffer from a blood disease. Medical facilities inside al-Mezze are inadequate and though until 1975 sick prisoners were sent for treatment to a military hospital near by, that practice was stopped when a prisoner escaped from the hospital. There has been no known indication on the part of the Syrian authorities that they intend either to try or to release these prisoners.



Mr Rabah al-Tamil: held without charge since 1970.

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Demanding horrors: Willing's *Head No 6*

Galleries

Turner Prize
Tate

Victor Willing
Bernard Jacobson

Terry Setch
Nigel Greenwood

Howard Hodgkin's winning of the 1985 Turner Prize should have been a great victory for good art over bad art. The Turner Prize was an inspired idea and, despite the often repeated regrets by the organizers of "the invidiousness of competitions", it has proved highly successful in its aim of attracting attention to the visual living arts in Britain. This is no mean achievement. But because the New Art Jury, in the spirit of British fairness, has confused the artist with the eccentric and the political animal, the British public have been given a poor view of what is happening in British art. There is a totally inadequate and misleading display of the short-listed artists' work.

It is harsh to have to judge Hodgkin's work on the single, solitary little painting shown in the Tate's Turner Prize room (until December 1). To be fair, the Tate does have an ill-lit and badly shown exhibition of his prints downstairs, but his paintings are the key to his work and, apart from at the magnificent show that has just finished at the Whitechapel, very few have been seen in this country lately.

Hodgkin's lonely representative painting does contain clues to the painter's significance. Its very title, *A Small Thing But My Own*, mocks the endless rows of standard-size canvases that roll out of modern art factories. Hodgkin has challenged the orthodoxy of museum art. He varies the size and the materials for each subject-matter. He does not want the viewer to walk past lines of canvases enclosed by frames and hung up on the wall. He wants every work to stand out on its own. He paints the frames in order to break down the barrier between the viewer and the picture. One wants to touch *A Small Thing But My Own* because it has become an object.

It is then that he starts to tease. Whilst we are examining the simple device of the roughly painted black frame, with its cracks and streaks of pinks and blues, our eye is led into the colourful centre. By this stage most passers-by are probably irritated. "What does this mean?" they will demand, but at the same time their eye will have to follow Hodgkin's instructions. Pushed away from the violent greens and yellows on the right, the ordered rainbow, they will try and peep into the picture. The few casual strokes of orange on the left form a partial wall, a veil that beckons to the rich reds over the rainbow. It is a comforting picture. It makes one feel secure.

Two other painters who may well be on the next Turner short-list, Victor Willing and Terry Setch, currently have shows in London. The row of 10 small Willing oils on one of Bernard Jacobson's walls (until December 1) should stop Cork Street wanderers in their tracks. In fact most have averted their eyes. If 10 shrunken skulls were stuck on the wall at least they would attract morbid fascination, but these works of art are ignored because of the sheer uncomfortable power of their visual message. Human remains can shock, but the artist is speaking in very plain pictorial language about something far more terrifying, the knowledge of death that we carry within ourselves every day of our lives.

It is a shame that Willing's series is about to be broken up, for it is a fine demonstration of his diversity of imagery on a constant theme. The last two paintings would be much more difficult to understand on their own. The ninth head has turned into virulent green snakes, the tenth has been reduced to a vice and its full horror is introduced by number six in the series. Its eyes demand to be met, but because of their squint this is impossible. Its teeth are well worn and the lank strand of hair would fall out at the slightest provocation. After *"Primitivism" in 20th Century Art*, the New York Museum of Modern Art's thorough 1984 exhibition, it was difficult to see what further inspiration artists could glean from death-masks. Willing's monsters, transferred straight out of the top of his head on to the canvas, are resounding proof that the source itself is far from exhausted.

Terry Setch is understood to be a political painter but he does not dump his political views on a flat, lifeless canvas. Setch's statements on the way we live come out of the process of painting and his technique is usually a joy to see. For those used to his large, dark tarpaulins his present exhibition at Nigel Greenwood's beautiful new gallery (until Saturday) will come as a surprise. He has not stopped painting his tarpaulins, but he presents us with a sequence of rectangular, framed works on the Greenham women in a higher colour-key of yellows, blues and mauves. He has been described as "bad Kossoff", but this is not the case at all. His figures often emerge out of the paint as in Auerbach, Le Brun and Cockrill, but he achieves this in a very different manner. He uses hot wax, which sometimes acts merely as a wash but elsewhere extends the painted mark, mixing with the paint to form a craggy surface. There is an excitement in this present series.

Alastair Hicks

Pop music

Rock 'n' Blues Reunion
Albert Hall

Three hours, six acts, almost 50 songs – this was a show built for the Astoria, Finsbury Park, or the Gaumont State, Kilburn, for the days of innocence before the Beatles came along and the whole thing began to get out of proportion.

Richard Nader, the P. T. Barnum of rock 'n' roll revivalism, knows how to put these concerts together, down to such fine details as the overture (the band played Red Prysock's "Handclappin' ", which used to warm up the audience at Alan Freed's pioneering shows in the Fifties) and the going-home music (the Showmen's "It Will Stand", a classic statement of faith). Between times, the main bill showed a careful balance.

Frankie Ford, a singer and pianist whose "Sea Cruise" gave him an honourable walk-on role in 1959, oiled the hand-jive muscles with accurate tributes to Little Richard and Fats Domino. Then the lively Marvelettes reminded us of "Please, Mr Postman", which sold a million in 1961 and laid a keystone of Berry Gordy's Motown mansion.

Bobby Vee, smiling and unpretentious, re-created the melodic high-school pop of "Rubber Ball" and "Take Good Care of My Baby" before Del Shannon stormed on to the stage, kicked the band into "Hats Off to Larry" and followed it with a set of overwhelming passion. On "Runaway" and "Little Town Flirt" a piping electronic organ, Shannon's jangling guitar and his hard-edged falsetto summoned up a ghost-world of Waltzers and Cakewalks, and on "Kelly" he sounded like the man who taught Springsteen everything he knows. To dismiss such an extraordinary performance as nostalgia would be the crassest insult.

Bo Diddley and Rick Nelson, though, were able to give us only memories. Neglecting his best songs, Diddley shook shivering phrases from his famous cubist guitar and worked up a monotous beat, while Nelson, looking more like Shakin' Stevens than Shakin' Stevens does, brought on his fine rockabilly band for smooth versions of "Hello, Mary Lou", "Poor Little Fool" and the rest. The hint of ambiguity in his attitude made a powerful contrast with the nobility of Shannon's commitment.

Richard Williams

Paper faces heavy fine in Singapore

From Paul Routledge
Singapore

The Asian Wall Street Journal faces punishment after admitting contempt of the Singaporean judiciary in the High Court here yesterday.

Lawyers for the paper's Hong Kong-based editor, Mr Fred Zimmerman, and its proprietors, Dow Jones Publishing (Asia) Inc, apologized "unreservedly" for suggesting in a leading article that the courts were tools of the Government. The printers and distributors also apologized.

Judge T. S. Sinnathuray reserved judgment in the case, the first such action to be brought against a Western publication for nearly 10 years.

The Attorney-General, Mr Tan Boon Teik, said: "The court should impose a sentence that adequately makes it clear to persons responsible for foreign publications that they should carry out their duty responsibly and in accordance with the law."

The leading article published on October 17, suggested that "the courts are convenient tools for the Government in their harassment of opposition politicians" and was calculated to bring the Singaporean judical process into disrepute, he argued.

Judgment was reserved after the judge asked for further details of the *Asian Wall Street Journal's* circulation

Pay protest to Peres

Police wives on hunger strike

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

A group of police wives have started a hunger strike outside the Prime Minister's office here, saying that they will not eat until their husbands get a long-promised pay rise.

On Sunday, about 250 of the wives had surged through the security grill around the office and past policemen who showed little resistance, to within shouting distance of a Cabinet meeting.

there they demanded wage parity with the army promised to their husbands in 1979. Since April of last year, a 10 per cent salary gap between police and armed forces has opened up.

The wives, who have blocked roads and invaded police stations around the country for several weeks, claim that 139 policemen are already forced to draw welfare payments to keep their families. According to Mrs Adi Ganer, their spokeswoman, hundreds of other policemen are eligible for benefit.

The Inspector-General of Police, Mr David Kraus, told the women last week when they demonstrated outside the Knesset that they had his sympathy.

The Police Minister, Mr Haim Bar-Lev, has tried without success to get the Treasury to give the $4 million (£2.85 million) needed to close the salary gap, but the Finance Minister, Mr Yitzhak Modai, has said there will be no wage breakthroughs during the Government's current economic programme.

Mr Bar-Lev is worried that low wages are making it all but impossible to recruit the right kind of officer. The take-home pay for an inspector with more than 20 years' service is only about $100 a week.

Many police supplement their salaries by moonlighting, against regulations, but to which an official blind eye is turned.

The Army appears not to be much better off. The general running Northern Command, Aluf Ori, has agreed to allow his senior non-commissioned officers to moonlight.

He took the decision to alow his men to earn extra money off duty when he found that some with 15 years' service were still being paid less than the national minimum wage.

He felt that unless he allowed them to supplement their incomes they would leave the Army, which cannot afford to lose such experienced men.

● Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, yesterday agreed to a special meeting with destitute chicken farmers from farms near Jerusalem.

The farmers had demonstrated all day outside his home with starving chickens tied to their ankles.

Uganda rebels ready to sign peace deal

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi

The Ugandan guerrilla group, the National Resistance Army (NRA), which has seized control of south-west Uganda and threatened to take Kampala if peace talks with the ruling Military Council fail, said here yesterday that it was ready to conclude a peace agreement once outstanding issues are resolved.

Dr Solomon Kisekka, the rebel representative, gave the impression that most obstacles which have arisen in three months of on-off peace talks have been resolved.

The main arguments have been on sharing power in the future government, integrating the guerrillas into the national army and demobilising many of the soldiers.

Dr Kisekka said the NRA was ready to abide by a peace agreement, recognizing that Ugandans longed for peace, while both Kenya and Tanzania are pressing the two sides to sink their differences for the sake of unity.

Three Ugandan ministers flew back here yesterday from Kampala, after consulting the Military Council on the draft of an agreement. They are understood to have accepted it.

The Military Council chairman, General Tito Okello, flew to Dar es Salaam yesterday to meet President Mwiny of Tanzania.

Japan turns down EEC import plea

From David Watts
Tokyo

Japan has rejected calls by the European Community for a specific target for EEC imports and a timetable for its achievement.

After a weekend of discussions, the Government said such a target would be "difficult and inappropriate."

Mr Willy de Clercq, the EEC trade commissioner countered with number of suggestions, including a request for a forecast of the effects of the July action programme, monitoring of these effects and a long-term estimate of minimum import levels, with a schedule. But he got no commitments.

Mr de Clercq and his colleagues will report back to the Council of Ministers.

The results of Tokyo's latest market-opening measures, covering about 1,800 items, was not the sort of thing which could be quantified, according to the Japanese.

Mr Shintaro Abe, the Foreign Minister, told the EEC delegates that as a free economy Japan could not give indications of any planned figures for imports and exports, but acknowledged that Japan was concerned about its surplus with the EEC, which was $12 billion (£8.3 billion) last year. Imports to Japan and exports to the EEC have declined this year, but Japanese exports have not declined as much as imports.

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Allowing immigrant to stay

Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal. Ex parte Bashir
Before Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Slade and Lord Justice Lloyd
[Judgment delivered November 8]

It was implicit that the Secretary of State for the Home Department had a discretion to permit an immigrant to continue to stay in the United Kingdom, notwithstanding the breakdown of his marriage, where the circumstances could properly be said not to be "normal".

In considering whether such a discretion should have been exercised, immigration adjudicators and appeal tribunals should not continue to use the word "exceptional" as a guide, but should simply ask themselves whether, in any particular case, there were circumstances which justified departure from the normal rule.

Any immigration appeal tribunal which had proceeded on the basis that incompatibility between spouses could never of itself be so "exceptional" a circumstance as to justify extending an immigrant's leave to stay after the breakdown of his marriage, even where that was due to the less usual cause of a husband's psychological inability to consummate it, had misdirected themselves in law.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the applicant, Mohammed Bashir, from the refusal by Mr Justice Webster on October 16, 1984, (*The Times*, October 18, 1984) to grant judicial review of a decision of the immigration appeal tribunal.

The tribunal had allowed an appeal by the secretary of state against an adjudicator's decision that the marriage which Mr Bashir had entered into after his arrival in this country was not a "marriage of convenience" and that despite its breakdown, caused by his psychological inability to consummate it, the circumstances were so exceptional as to justify allowing an appeal against the secretary of state's refusal to permit him to remain.

Mr Mukhtar Hussain for Mr Bashir; Mr Guy Sankey for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that the applicant, a citizen of Pakistan, had been given clearance to enter the country in order to marry a resident. He went through Muslim and civil marriage ceremonies with her but in the event proved incapable of consummating the marriage and a decree of nullity was made, after a contested hearing, on the ground of incapacity.

He was forced to leave the home of his wife and her family, and his application for an extension of his stay was refused by the secretary of state.

Paragraph 24A of the *Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules for Control after Entry* (HC241 of 1977) provided "an extension of stay . . . will not be granted . . . if the secretary of state has reason to believe that the marriage is one of convenience . . . Furthermore, an extension of stay . . . will not normally be granted . . . if: . . . (d) the marriage has been terminated; (e) the secretary of state has reason to believe that one of the parties no longer has any intention of living with the other as his or her spouse."

It was implicit in that provision that the secretary of state had a discretion to permit an applicant to stay notwithstanding the breakdown of his marriage, where the circumstances could properly be said not to be normal.

In the course of the reasons for the decisions made by the adjudicator and the appeal tribunal, a number of possible synonyms for the phrase "not normal" had been considered, for instance "exceptional" and "abnormal".

Before the judge, the substantial question argued had been whether the appeal tribunal had used the word "exceptional" in its idiomatic or its literal sense.

At the end of his judgment the judge had pointed out that there was a danger of tribunals and adjudicators misdirecting themselves if they continued to use the word "exceptional"; it was better simply to ask themselves whether in any particular case there were circumstances which justified departure from the normal rule. His Lordship entirely agreed.

The adjudicator held that the marriage had been terminated as the result of a psychological defect of which the applicant had not been previously aware. No blame for the breakdown of the marriage could be attributed to either side.

But it was a matter for the adjudicator or the tribunal whether those circumstances put the applicant in any worse position than many of his compatriots whose marriages had broken down; and whether there was any reason why he should not return to Pakistan.

The appeal tribunal had expressed the view that incompatibility between spouses was not so exceptional a circumstance as of itself alone to justify the extension of an immigrant's stay, even where the cause of that incompatibility was less usual than many other such causes, and that a disability which had precluded the continuation of a marriage could not of itself be a reason for an extension of leave granted on the basis of the marriage. But the tribunal had referred to no other circumstances in the case.

The judge decided that the tribunal had not misdirected themselves and refused judicial review. However, it appeared to his Lordship that the tribunal were purporting to state as a matter of law that any disability which had precluded the continuation of a marriage could not by itself be a reason for the exercise of the discretion implied under paragraph 24A. To that extent, the tribunal misdirected themselves.

The matter ought to be remitted for rehearing to a fresh tribunal, which should consider all the circumstances of the case and then, in the end, ask themselves whether there were circumstances which justified departure from the normal rule.

Lord Justice Slade and Lord Justice Lloyd delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Frederick Howarth, Son & Maitland, Bury; Treasury Solicitor.

No liability for predecessor's act

Celsteel Ltd and Others v Alton House Holdings Ltd and Another (No2)
Before Mr Justice Scott
[Judgment delivered November 11]

A lessor was not liable on a covenant for quiet enjoyment for the acts of a predecessor in title, Mr Justice Scott held in the Chancery Division in delivering judgment on a claim by Mobil Oil Co Ltd for contribution from Alton House Holdings Ltd, in respect of an interruption in quiet enjoyment under a covenant for quiet enjoyment contained in a lease granted by Alton House, the interruption having been caused by the acts of Calflane Ltd, a predecessor in title of Alton House.

Mr Michael Barnes, QC and Mr Edward Davidson for Mobil Oil; Mr Dennis Levy, QC and Mr George Laurence for Alton House; Mr Alan Steinfeld for Parker Thomas & Grabiner, the third party.

MR JUSTICE SCOTT said that the case concerned a claim by Mobil Oil Co Ltd against Alton House Holdings Ltd, being, respectively, the second and first defendants in an action in which his Lordship had given judgment on June 27, 1984 (*The Times* July 2, 1984; [1985] 1 WLR 204).

On December 4, 1974, Calflane Ltd had been granted planning permission to develop a site, which had since become known as Cavendish House in Wellington Road, St John's Wood, London, by constructing a block of flats with a petrol filling station at ground level.

The plan attached to that permission showed a rear driveway with jutting out into what would otherwise by part of the rear driveway an area delineated for the construction of a car wash with an adjacent area in which cars waiting to use the car wash might station themselves.

On October 24, 1977 a supplemental permission was granted authorizing the construction of a line of garages abutting on to the rear driveway, but the plan attached to that permission did not show the proposed car wash area.

The flats and garages were built before the petrol filling station was begun, and the long leases of the flats, granted in 1981, gave rights of way over the rear driveway, which had been tarmacadamed and appeared to extend from the garages to the edge of the petrol filling station, with no indication that a car wash was intended to be built.

The flat owners had not seen the 1974 plan and had no knowledge of the intended car wash. On those facts his Lordship had held that the right of way extended over the whole of the tarmacadamed rear driveway, including that part intented for the construction of the car wash.

On March 1, 1982 Calflane had transferred the freehold to Alton House, who on October 27, 1982 had granted a long lease of the proposed petrol filling station and car wash areas to Mobil Oil.

The position therefore was that, knowingly or unknowingly, Alton House had demised to Mobil Oil part of the rear driveway over which the flat tenants enjoyed and were exercising rights of way.

His Lordship had granted an injunction restraining Mobil Oil from constructing the car wash, which would have constituted an actionable interference with their right of way.

Mobil Oil now claimed contribution against Alton House who denied liability, and who had commenced third party proceedings against their solicitors who had acted for them in relation to the grant of the lease.

The third party proceedings were not before the court but Mr Steinfeld had taken part at the hearing in support of Alton House.

The issue was whether Alton House were liable to Mobil Oil under the covenant for quiet enjoyment contained in the lease to Mobil Oil. Mobil Oil contended that the successful assertion by the flat tenants of their rights of way, so as to prevent the car wash being constructed, was an interruption of their quiet enjoyment of the area, and that the tenants were persons claiming under Alton House so as to render Alton House liable on their covenant.

Alton House denied liability on two grounds. First, it was contended that the flat tenants were not persons claiming under Alton House, since their leases were granted by Calflane, and although the reversions had devolved on Alton House, so that they were holding their respective leases, including the rights of way, under Alton House, they did not become persons claiming under Alton House.

The contention was well founded. The covenant for title in the lease to Mobil Oil was in a qualified form, and did not amount to a guarantee of title, and could not be construed as giving greater protection than the words justified.

If Calflane had sold the flats and garages, and had granted rights of way in fee simple, instead of for a term of years, there could, his Lordship thought, be no question but that Alton House would not be liable to Mobil Oil under the covenant for quiet enjoyment; the owners of the flats and garages would obviously not be persons claiming under Alton House, so why should the fact that Calflane had granted long leases and assigned to Alton House the reversion of those leases alter the position?

The source of the rights being asserted against Mobil Oil would in both cases be from Calflane. Alton House had granted no rights of any sort to any of the tenants.

There seemed to be a surprising absence of any clear authority on the point.

In view of his Lordship's conclusion on this first ground, it was unnecessary to consider the second, based upon the terms of an option, dated August 1982, under which Alton House granted Mobil Oil an option to take a lease in the form of a draft annexed thereto. The option, subsequently exercised, led to the grant of the lease itself. Mobil Oil's claim therefore failed.

Solicitors: Metson Cross & Co; Crellins & Co; Walton on Thames; Reynolds Porter, Chamberlain.

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Television

Jargon for the past

This Land of England (Channel 4) is an attempt at that most difficult task of creative scholarship – to reconstruct and at the same time to reanimate the past. In this series it has been at least tentatively achieved by inflicting upon that past a good deal of contemporary jargon; in last night's episode, for example, advertising logos, mergers and even the blessed name of Sainsbury's were all laid thickly across the Tudor world as if from this loam some kind of historical sensibility might grow. The Ashburnham family were the subject of the enquiry, and their fortunes were used as a neat heraldic device to link the entrepreneurs of the past with their modern equivalents.

It is an interesting story and the presenter of the series, David Starkey, has a naturally melodramatic manner which lends a certain quality of Grand Guignol to even the quietest passages of social history. I suspect that he is also the one who has that repertoire of funny "historical" voices which on occasions alarm the viewer with their pitch, if not necessarily their content. But Mr Starkey also has a sombre, Hamlet-like air when evoking the remorseless passage of generations.

It all makes for good television, of course, but I am not convinced that it is a profitable way of understanding the past; although the use of modern analogies may fitfully illuminate the lives of our ancestors, the technique does veer towards the "Just Fancy That" school of television documentary. It is a popular medium, after all, and as a result it has the paradoxical effect of rendering both flatter and more vivid the lineaments of history. It becomes a kind of comic strip, in other words, flattering our understanding (by making it all so *simple*) and yet at the same time robbing us of proper insight.

Peter Ackroyd

Broadcast concert

Philharmonia/ Giulini

Festival Hall/Radio 3

Bach's Mass in B minor might seem a strange choice for a symphony orchestra's fortieth anniversary concert. Yet the work offers some exquisite instrumental obbligatos, and one of this performance's most enjoyable aspects was the manner in which the Philharmonia's front-desk men seized their opportunities. Kenneth Smith's flute, weaving a ravishing tapestry around Robert Tear's "Benedictus"; Peter Thomas's impeccably tuneful violin solo in "Laudamus te"; John Wallace's scintillating high trumpet work, cutting brilliantly through a wodge of rather dull choral tone – these were outstanding contributions.

Carlo Maria Giulini's highly idiosyncratic interpretation certainly allowed plenty of time for the contemplation of such instrumental beauties. The gentle, unhurried unfolding of the first "Kyrie" fugue was subtly shaded, beautifully smooth (even the first consonant of "kyrie" whittled away) and effective; but as the second "Kyrie" fugue unfolded in precisely the same way, and then movement after movement following, this sophisticated mid-nineteenth-century approach began to lose its beguiling novelty.

Even usually robust movements such as "Quoniam" and "Cum sancto spiritu" seemed shorn of vigour. While the "Sanctus" responded well to this grandiose view, one longed for more of the old theatrical fire Giulini displayed at the electrifying transition from "Crucifixus" (which, oddly, was rather faster than normal) to "Et resurrexit".

One significant problem with his interpretation, too, seemed to be the strain he placed on his singers. The Philharmonia Chorus was often required to sing Bach's cruelly high-lying entries not only at a slower than usual tempo, but very quietly as well. They stuck courageously to the task, but there was no disguising a paucity of tone at times, especially among the sopranos.

Even the Romanian soprano Mariana Nicolesco, who revealed a vibrant if rather unvaried timbre, seemed caught out once by the stately tread, taking three breaths to traverse the single word "laudamus". No complaints, however, about Benjamin Luxon's long-breathed and sonorous "Et in spiritum", nor about Jean Rigby, who followed a firm-toned "Qui sedes" with a stylish and noble "Agnus Dei".

Richard Morrison

Peter Yates is back from Hollywood to the theatre he loves, directing *Interpreters*, which opens at the Queen's tonight: interview by Mark Lawson

Sentimental escape from the chase

The meticulous lists kept by the English Stage Company of its past productions at the Royal Court include, in the annals of 1961, an impressive deck of directors. Wedged between the expected John Dexter and William Gaskill is the less familiar name, to theatregoers at least, of Peter Yates for his production of Edward Albee's *The American Dream*.

That director's credit has scarcely appeared in a theatre programme since. The following year, Yates directed his first film – Cliff Richard in *Summer Holiday* – and, in 1968, became a famous and favoured Hollywood name with *Bullitt*, the car-chase film which has in turn chased him down the decades in audience expectation of his work.

He seemed to have become a celluloid man, the theatre left behind. But his most recent movie, *The Dresser* (1984), from a Ronald Harwood stage play, had the feel of a letter of love and regret to English theatre (Yates is a RADA-trained actor) and tonight at the Queen's he returns, as director of *Interpreters*, Harwood's latest piece for theatre.

What will seem to many to be a change of direction feels closer to a homecoming for Yates himself: "I'd always wanted to be in the theatre and I got sort of sidetracked into cinema." In the last 15 years, there has been the occasional small, off-Broadway play, but *Interpreters* is a project as important as his biggest films. He is hugely enjoying the experience.

"I suppose I'm sentimental about the theatre; I love going to the theatre but what I love most, coming back to direct, is that I find the concentration and imagination come into play because of the smaller size of what you're doing. You're not having to worry about whether it rains or it doesn't rain or whether the lunch for 150 people will arrive, and I find it very relaxing to be able to give one's entire concentration to what will appear on stage."

One of the themes of *Interpreters* – which follows the romantic and diplomatic gaffes and gavottes of a Russian delegation at the Foreign Office in London – is the destructive ease with which we label. The Russians in the play must drink vodka, rather than their preferred Chateau Latour 1953, because the British, knowing that Russians drink vodka, have already got several crates in. This superficial pigeon-holing, which, writ large, becomes divisive, is, Yates believes, too common in the arts. Film director, theatre director, stage actor, movie star – fit a box at first and many would keep you there forever. After *Bullitt*, he might still be doing car-chase films today, but change is instructive and film and stage are complementary media.

Yates can be self-deprecating about this cross-fertilization between forms: "One thing about going into the theatre is that you find out whether or not you can direct. You're sure as hell not going to save it on the cutting-room floor." More seriously, much of his recent work has suggested a gentle attempt to bring literary richness to commercial cinema through collaboration with stage writers like Harwood (*The Dresser*) and Steve Tesich (*Breaking Away, The Janitor*) and a project in progress with the American dramatist David Mamet. He believes that weak scripts have been the quicksand beneath many Hollywood flops.

"When you have a writer like Harwood or Tesich, actors are not looking to change the lines, they're looking to find interpretations of what has been written with a lot of forethought. So often in films actors are inclined to look for changes rather than interpretations. That must affect performance."

In the same way, Yates believes that working closely with actors on a theatre text will enrich his cinema direction. In a medium where the allotted rehearsal span is often the length of time it takes to get the lens-cap off the camera, he now likes to spend a week or two with actors before shooting begins and prefers to work with established theatrical talent (Kate Nelligan leads his next film, *Eleni*).

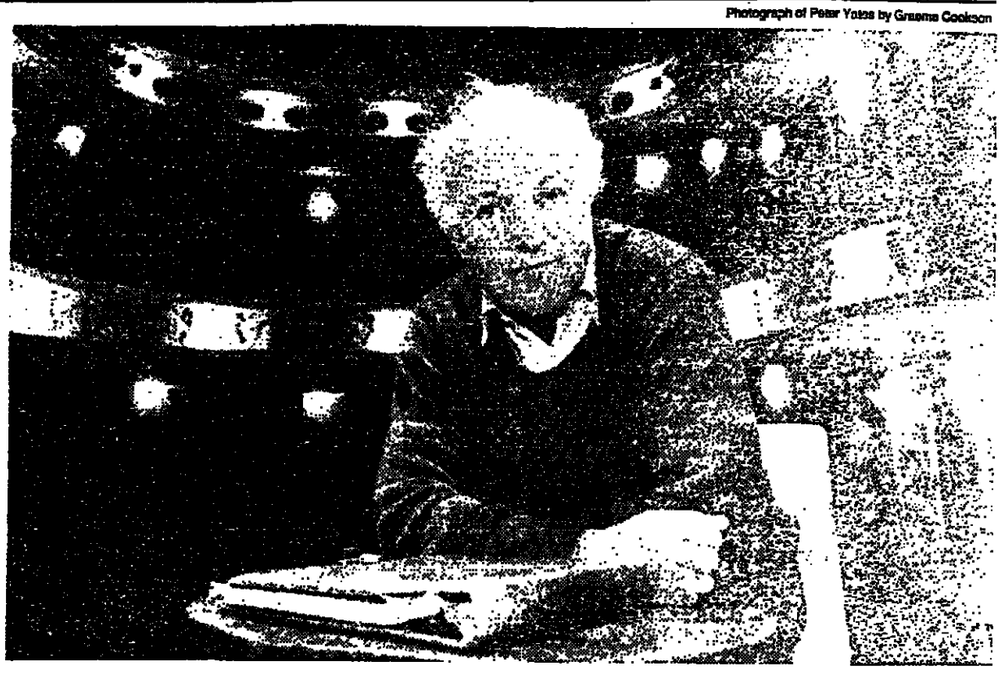
To the theatre he hopes to bring from film a slickness of scene-change and quickness of momentum. "I'm still getting teased by the actors because I tell them that this is a dissolve or that is a close-up but there *are* stage equivalents. I think that an awful lot of audiences going to the theatre nowadays find, because of cinema, they no longer have the concentration they used to have. But maybe I can use some of film's pace."

Although *Interpreters* is a multi-location play, its production seeks, says Yates, to chase from the stage "that bumping and grinding behind the curtains". He wants a fluidity which might be called, more aptly in this context than most, filmic.

It is no coincidence that the man who cut his movie molars on Cliff Richard and then directed the film of Peter Benchley's best-seller *The Deep* (1976) is making his theatrical return on Shaftesbury Avenue. He has no great enthusiasm for the sheltering umbrella of grants and subsidy, rather seeking to prove, within the commercial mainstream, that intelligent work can be popular and popular work intelligently done.

Yates would like to follow *Interpreters* with "two more stage plays straight off . . . to consolidate all I've learnt". But his accountant's urgings and his own cinematic itch will almost certainly return him to Hollywood before long. For anyone in California who might be listening, he says of Ronald Harwood's play "I would have thought it would have made an excellent film".

Photograph of Peter Yates by Graeme Cookson



Other music in London

Arditti Quartet

Almeida

It was another of those mad Arditti evenings: five string quartets were on the programme, the oldest of them dating from 1981, none of them heard before in this country, all of them dispatched with fantastic virtuosity. These people must be stopped. Two centuries ago it was the publishers who were responsible for composers all over Europe pumping out quartets in half-dozens; now four musicians are having almost the same effect through their voracious appetite for new challenges.

If this goes on there is the real danger that all composing activity worldwide will be diverted into making things difficult for the Arditti, that nothing will be written but for dizzying, flickering nocturnal fantasias.

This norm of the Arditti repertory was represented here, in the third of their Sunday recitals this month, by Gilberto Cappelli's First Quartet and Klaus Hübler's Third. Both composers are young, and without knowledge of their backgrounds one tends to fall back on that of the medium, which is rather swamping. But the Hübler had a striving edginess that came from its requiring even these players to think hard before making a move; it also wrapped up its tract of marginal sounds with wit. Karl Aage Rasmussen's quirky, nonsensical *Surrounded by Scales* fitted happily in between.

The second half was more forceful. First there was Volker Heyn's hard, glum *Sirenes*, pressing away, but never very far, from a loud frustrated unison, and then the first performance of Tim Souster's *Hambledon Hill*. For this the Arditti took up again their Raad electric instruments to match the exuberant synthesized music on tape in a tramp up and down the folds of the mighty Dorset hill fort, a tramp conducted largely in wide, slow, weighty glissandos.

Souster's note speaks of the "barbaric and melancholy" atmosphere of the place, and his quartet certainly has the former quality in defiant splendour. But I am not so sure about the melancholy, for the tone was rather one of magnificent, beaming confidence. That, though, could have been coming from the players.

Paul Griffiths

RPO/Batiz

Festival Hall

Some concerts really are sold, bought and played out like last-minute cheapies from a travel agent. Sunday afternoon's was a case in point: a whistle-stop tour through Spain in grey, off-peak November, complete with many a flash of the camera.

The Royal Philharmonic's concert could quite well have been a revealing journey through the changing perceptions and responses of its composers: the sensitized Gallic palette of Chabrier; the quintessentially instrumental homage of Rodrigo; Falla's allusive abstraction; and Ravel's ecstatic manipulation. With Enrique Batiz conducting, the programme was, alas, reduced to a travelogue.

Chabrier's *España* swaggered in as a rabble-rousing overture, its nuances of dynamics and brass writing largely ignored, while Bizet's *Carmen* suite substituted lazy rubato for intelligent shaping. *Bolero*, at the end of the trip, was a garish affair, blurring Ravel's extraordinary precision of means.

If the orchestra's soloists, as much as the main body of players, were encouraged by Batiz to take it far too easy, then the presence of Alfonso Moreno for the Rodrigo had them working with sharper concentration. Every mercurial moment of his *Concierto de Aranjuez* told: this was a tense, fleet-fingered performance, taunting flute, trumpet and cor anglais with its nervous and always unpredictable imagination.

The same cannot be said of the afternoon's second soloist, Jorge Federico Osorio, another Mexican colleague of Batiz. His knuckle-dusting dexterity in Falla's *Nights in the Gardens of Spain* was the chief asset of a performance which lived by dynamic and technical brilliance alone.

Hilary Finch

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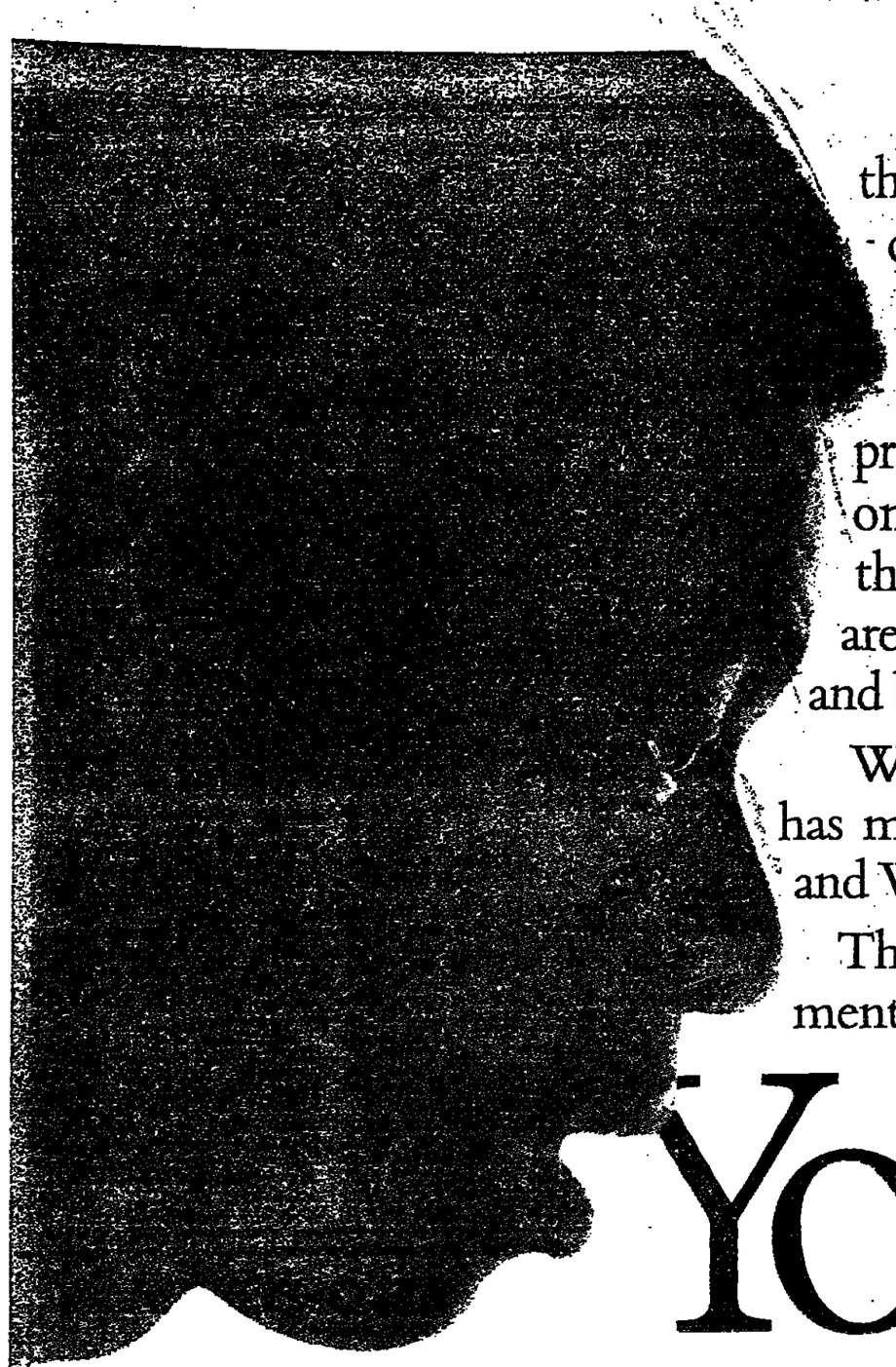
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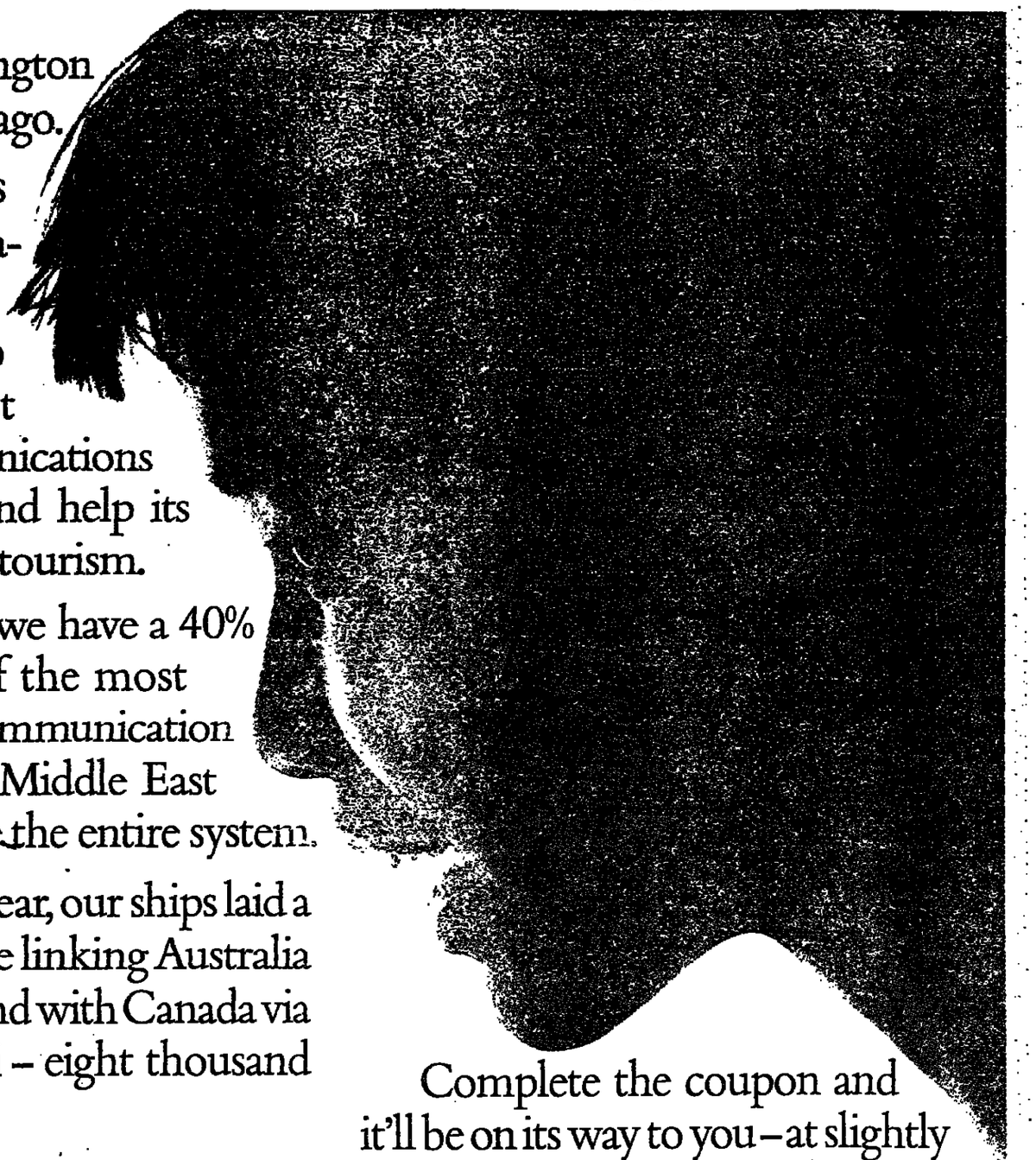
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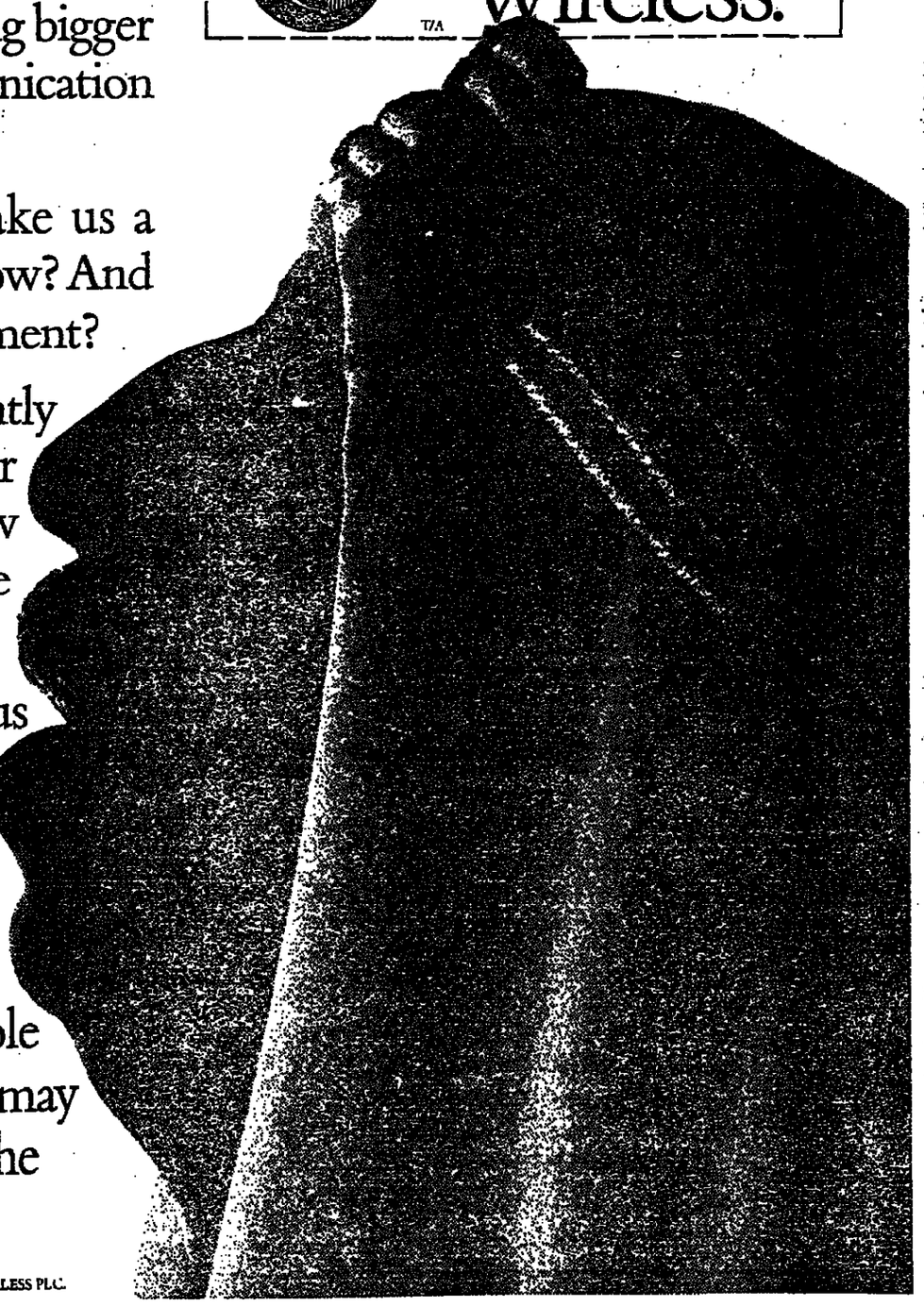
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Keeping the lid on the inner cities

'There must be no no-go areas in any of our cities', the Home Secretary told the Commons last month. But many of the residents of Toxteth, Brixton, Handsworth and St Pauls, among other riot-hit areas, believe that they already exist. Colin Hughes investigates

The embryos of "no-go Britain" are already with us: small areas of our inner cities, in London, Birmingham, Bristol and Liverpool, where only the naïve, the criminal and the police dare to walk the streets.

Crime, the fear of crime and police dread of riotous disorder dictate conditions in the more or less black ghettos in Toxteth, St Pauls, Handsworth, Brixton, Notting Hill and parts of Hackney. They are the most heavily policed corners of the land, reflecting their high rates of crime. They are also criminal sanctuaries, largely controlled by young unemployed blacks so alienated from authority that any law-enforcing incursion can be the spark that turns them into urban battlegrounds.

In these areas the chances of leading a normal untroubled life are minimal. Street crimes like prostitution and mugging are so endemic that no law-respecting resident goes out after dark. Burglary is so commonplace that few feel safe in their own homes.

Police are sometimes prepared to ignore the smoking of cannabis in the street, in order to avoid trouble.

'People . . . especially the women, are living under curfew'

Police, forced to use low-profile methods with extra men and expensive support, are trapped between the resentment of an angry black community and the disaffection of suburban whites.

The Prince of Wales, misreported or otherwise, is not alone in his anxiety over the future these areas imply. The struggle to prevent them becoming the outright "no-go" areas of the 1990s is engaging the attention of politicians on all sides.

For the Government the central problem is law and order. Ministers increasingly view the criminal core who rule these areas as a new "enemy within", who must be isolated and eliminated through forceful policing. If they can be seen to achieve that end, many politicians believe it could prove the Government's second "Falklands factor" in the run-up to the next general election.

For the left the very idea of "no go" areas is a bogey, devised to distract public opinion from unemployment and deprivation, and to justify more draconian police powers and tactics, like the forthcoming Public Order Bill and the paraphernalia of riot control.

The most comprehensive survey of policing and crime has just been completed in Merseyside by Mr Richard Kinsey of Edinburgh University. In the streets around Granby Road in Toxteth he found that three in four people felt there were real risks for women who went out at night. Half the women interviewed said they often or always avoided going out. This was a true perception of the danger, not merely unsubstantial panic: 54 per cent had been victims of crime during the past year, most more than once. And it was not only on the streets: one-third felt unsafe in their own homes.

As Mr Kinsey concluded: "The picture which has emerged is one of the people of the inner city, especially the women, living under curfew. . . those under the greatest social and economic pressure also suffer most from crime; they worry more, perhaps too much, but they do have the most to worry about."

In Toxteth each home has a one in four chance of being burgled this year, 10 times the national average. In St Pauls, Bristol, most of the city's mugging, burglary, drug-dealing and vice is concentrated in the triangle around Grosvenor Road, only two-thirds of a square mile in area.

According to one police constable patrolling St Pauls last week: "No-one comes here unless they've got a reason. If they're young and white, it's drugs, and they don't know what they're meddling with half the time. If they're older and white, it's toms (prostitutes), and their chances of coming out without being robbed or assaulted are odds against."

The Toxteth police section can point to large reductions in reported crime rates since the 1981 riots. But one white mother living on the edge of the Granby Street area said: "That's only because there's nothing left to steal, no one left to rob".

Clapton Park estate in Hackney, London, widely considered a potential flashpoint following the Broadwater Farm estate riot in Tottenham, is different in kind to Toxteth or St Pauls. But the risks for residents are equally high, the difficulties of policing as intense.

Mr Harry Clark, the white chairman of Clapton Park Tenants' Association, which is struggling to re-create community initiatives in the wake of disorder last year, says that Gilpin Square, at the heart of the estate, is "not far off a no-go area at night".

A Safe Neighbourhood Unit from the National Association for the Care and Rehabilitation of Offenders (NACRO) bypassed the problems of interpreting reported crime and detection rates by interviewing a sample of tenants on the estate. They found that, on the top floors of the 19-storey tower blocks where police never patrol routinely because they are not allowed to enter private property uninvited, burglary and break-ins were so common that few bothered to report them.

As NACRO pointed out in their report to Hackney Council, what most residents wanted from the police was some sign of support for the victims of crime. Nearly half the adult tenants feared walking about the estate in daylight; at night the proportion rose to a staggering 86 per cent. Over the previous two years 44 per cent had suffered a break-in, and one in four had been assaulted.

The disillusion of tenants matched black anger at police methods.

Mr Eric Faux, chairman of the mainly white Soho Residents' Association in Handsworth, Birmingham, believes that "low profile policing" amounts to the tacit acceptance that some crime will pass without investigation or inquiry. "If a no-go area is where people are frightened to go out at night, and if it means that the police are going to ignore petty crime, then we do have a no-go area in Handsworth."

His view is hotly contested by Superintendent Martin Burton, who commands Handsworth's C Division: "The no-go syndrome is put about to indicate that the police have lost control of an area, and here that is just not true. If people in Handsworth or Lozells (the street where rioters murdered two Asians and wrecked one-third of a mile of shops) commit offences, they get nicked, as they would anywhere else."

'I don't like the phrase softly-softly; it implies we're not doing our job'

As Mr Errol Bailey, a young local black known as De Bull, points out, the police raided the Villa Cross pub and Acapulco Café in Lozells for drugs only two months before the riots. "There are no places where the police don't go, no such place as a no-go area, only scared people full of anxiety and panic."

John Voos



The front line: police patrol Grosvenor Road, St Pauls, outside the Black and White Cafe, where the Bristol riots of 1980 were sparked

Common to all these areas is the dominance of riot fears in deciding police tactics. Patrol cars are advised not to use noisy horns and lights in chases, up to four times as many officers are needed to maintain a constant foot patrol presence, and strong reliance is placed on informal contacts on the ground to constantly test the atmosphere.

Chief Superintendent Tim Holt, who commands St Pauls police, argues that this is merely a different style and approach. "I don't like the phrase 'softly, softly', because it implies we're not doing our job. We just do it sensitively."

He counters the accusation that St Pauls is a "no-go" area by pointing to division-wide arrest figures of nearly 3,400 a year, but admits these are not the same as convictions or prevention. Over a full day there are 16 officers footslogging the four "home beats" of St Pauls, backed up by two cars and a plainclothes "street defence squad", which leads the campaign against drugs, prostitution and street crime committed mostly against prostitutes' clients. As elsewhere, smoking of "ganja" (cannabis) is rarely sufficient now to be worth the problems of making an arrest.

What Chief Supt Holt calls "retrospective policing" is the main plank in the force's methods since police officers who know such areas are no longer prepared to risk street confrontation and their own injury. If they follow a criminal into St Pauls, officers stand back from the crowds lounging outside the Shady Grove shebeen (an illegal drinking club) and Black and White café and pick out the face they want. "Then", in the words of one constable patrolling there, "we go in and kick a door down at seven in the morning. At that hour no one feels like assaulting bobbies, and the trouble-makers have gone to bed."

Police advocates of the "tread warily" approach claim it is equally effective as traditional methods, but are keenly conscious of risking an eventual white backlash. As one inspector at Trinity Road station in Bristol said: "Those in the suburbs pay the rates that pay our bills but some of them never see an officer down their street because we're all in Grosvenor Road. You can understand their anger."

The constant pressure on officers to exercise constraint because a small number of disaffected young blacks might react, has disastrous effects on morale within the force. No one chooses to transfer to places like St Pauls and Toxteth, yet officers have to be carefully chosen for their ability to take the responsibility of individual judgement.

In Bristol and Liverpool probationer officers are excluded from the danger zones because one slip could lead to disaster. The difference about policing St Pauls, according to PC Michael Barber, who patrols the area, is that "you just don't get yourself into a position where you're going to lose".

He described a recent chase in which a patrol car from a neighbouring division in Bristol followed a vehicle into the Grosvenor Road area. "They didn't understand and came in with blues and twos going like crazy (horns and lights flashing), pulling a couple of hundred coloureds out of the woodwork in moments.

"They didn't stand a chance, and one of them got clonked. We stood back, not turning a blind eye, but noting the ringleaders, and then took them out the next day."

He says that most of that crowd comprise a hard core of blacks whose resentment runs so deep it is almost irretrievable. But he distinguishes those who commit casual street thefts from the pimps and dealers who run a drugs and prostitution mafia.

'Areas like Toxteth are on the road to Ulster'

"One hides behind the other. You won't catch the big-time dealers and criminals sticking two fingers up at the police. They've got too much to lose."

The walls of the ghetto, though invisible, are most apparent around Granby Road in Toxteth, and the dozen or so side-streets running off it. It is even defined on the police's Toxteth section beat map, which effectively divides Liverpool 8 into predominantly black and white areas.

In Granby no police cars patrol at all. During any 24 hours, however, 54 police officers walk the streets, usually in pairs.

Mrs Margaret Simey, the outgoing left-wing chair of the county's police authority and Granby ward councillor, believes areas like Toxteth are "on the road to Ulster", the only difference between the "no-go" areas of West Belfast and the Bogside in the 1970s and Britain's inner cities in the 1980s is "that in Ulster the division was religious, here it's racial."

One PC working in St Pauls, who had recently transferred from Hackney, commented: "I came away because in London you could never get away from it. That's why anyone who could, lived in Essex."

He reflects the Police Federation membership frustration with working at the hard end of inner city policy when he says: "Before Scarman and 1981 we might have gone back to swamp tactics: driving them out by stopping everything suspicious, with full-scale support if anything went wrong and slapping it down. It's too late now, we missed the chance. Besides, who can afford it?"

Author who was nearly written off

Ailing Joseph Heller couldn't turn a page in 1981. Now he is on a world tour



Author Joseph Heller (left) and Alan Arkin as Yossarian

Captain Yossarian is alive and well and malingering in a New York hospital. The doctors tell the grey-haired air force veteran: "We can't find anything wrong with you". He tells them: "Keep looking".

Author Joseph Heller chuckles at the notion of his most famous character, now a grumpy 68-year-old, trying to deceive modern-day medics much as he did originally in a World War Two military ward.

Twenty-five years after the publication of *Catch-22*, Heller continues to resist the temptation to write a sequel to his multi-million seller. But the ghost of Yossarian still tugs occasionally at his sleeve.

The strongest pull came four years ago and it was Heller, not his hero, who was lying in a hospital bed. Paralysed by a rare condition that attacks the nervous system, he was forced temporarily to abandon work on *God Knows*, his latest novel.

He wasn't in pain but was so weak that he couldn't lift a telephone or turn a page.

In *God Knows*, the narrative is delivered by the Biblical David from his deathbed. "I didn't much care for what might be shaping up as a coincidence", Heller says. "Maybe that's why the picture of Yossarian in a New York hospital came into my mind. There was something very wrong with King David and there was something very wrong with me, but there was never anything wrong with Yossarian."

At first Heller didn't know how ill he was. "I didn't realize I was losing muscular control and I couldn't think of myself as being paralyzed. An old pal came to see me in hospital and I denied it. On the way out, he asked me to hand him something and I couldn't do it. He said to me, 'you schmuck, you *are* paralyzed', and that's when I had to admit it."

Heller and his wife of 35 years had just separated. The friend, a retired businessman called Speed Vogel, and a New York nurse called Valerie Humphries, moved in with Heller at his home in East Hampton, on the Atlantic edge of Long Island, after he had spent six months in hospital.

They cared for him during his slow convalescence, much of which he spent in a wheelchair. Somewhere along the way, he and the nurse fell in love and she now lives with him.

The story of Heller's illness and recovery, with the unexpected element of romance, is to be published next February. He and Speed Vogler are co-authors. The book will be called *No Laughing Matter*.

During that convalescence, Heller exorcized all thoughts of Yossarian and pushed vigorously ahead with *God Knows*, completing it within the next 18 months – a remarkable achievement for a writer who took 13 years to follow *Catch-22* with *Something Happened*.

God Knows was published last year and has remained high in the best-seller lists since then. Heller is presently in London on a world tour celebrating that success and the 25th anniversary of *Catch-22*.

The fact that he is still billed on paperback covers as "the author of *Catch-22*" bothers him not at all, even after a quarter of a century. "It fills me with pleasure that *Catch-22* has entered the language".

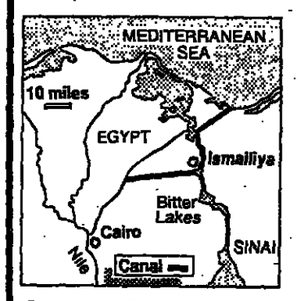
His mind is already turning to his next book, beyond *No Laughing Matter*. Bringing Yossarian up to date is only one of a headful of ideas.

"I probably won't do it because I dread the idea of a sequel. Most of the ideas I get won't work because my imagination isn't sufficiently nurtured by them.

"My social goals have changed. I'm almost as old as King David and at my age, most parties are dull. Being witty at parties is just an exercise in vanity, and I don't take much exercise any more."

Thomson Prentice

The crocodile border guards



One of the few good things to come out of the current Middle East situation has been Israeli archaeological work in Sinai and on the fringes of the Nile Delta.

Egyptologists have known for some time that ancient Egypt, as the richest country of the Mediterranean, attracted immigrants, but only recently has it become clear to what lengths the Pharaohs went in order to keep them out (and quite probably to keep their own population in).

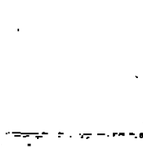
It now appears that a canal system was dug out from the Nile towards modern Ismailiya, to join another canal which stretched the length of the isthmus from the Mediterranean, through the Bitter Lakes, to the Red Sea; some 250 kilometres in all. The earth removed was fashioned into a wall or rampart, fortified at regular intervals.

The one contemporary picture we have of this system (c. 1300BC) shows the canal populated by crocodiles. Pharaoh's frontier was secure.

Bacon on the side

It pays to look beneath one's feet. Environmental archaeologists are now at work on animal bones from Egyptian sites. The surprise is that a very high percentage of these bones turn out to be pigs – normally thought to have been taboo. But porkers clearly snuffled their way through Memphis, Raamses, and even Amarna, Akhenaten's city, where they were provided with "pig-kennels" against the heat. Pigs, it seems, are cheap to rear and multiply effectively, so who cared if the clergy disapproved?

An ancient ABC



The Egypt Exploration Society has just published a remarkable text. It has been known for some time that Egyptian schoolboys had their language dinned into them by copying, but this new school-text was a mystery. All it did was describe a series of birds, perching on bushes and flying off to various destinations. However, the key words in each line begin with the same letter, and now it looks as if the text was designed to teach the order of the Egyptian alphabet, which begins with H. The next letter is R; one can't see it catching on, but it would be interesting to know whether it did 23 centuries ago.

Mystery cities

In Exodus the Children of Israel made bricks without straw in Pithom and Raamses, but where were they? Pithom we thought we knew; Raamses was a puzzle. Now the latter, after several false starts, has revealed itself to be the enormous site of Tell Dab'a, Khata'na and Qantir in the eastern Nile Delta. An earlier series of palaces and temples by a lake gave way to a systematically planned royal capital in about 1300BC. A Canadian team has cast doubt on Pithom, whose name has also turned up applied to a temple in a different place.

John Ray

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FASHION by Suzy Menkes

Younger gentlemen prefer tweeds



GRANDSON: Herringbone tweed jacket with leather buttons and elbow patches, £340; yellow silk tie with horse and hounds motif and pure wool yellow scarf with fringe, all from a selection at Ralph Lauren, 143 New Bond Street, W1. Flat cap, £6.99, from Debenhams, Oxford Street, W1 and branches.

GRANDFATHER: Check tweed hacking jacket, £195; Viyella check shirt, £36; olive green corduroy trousers, £55; tweed cap, £14; all from Aquascutum 100 Regent Street, W1. Red knitted tie, £16.50, by Yves Saint-Laurent at Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1 and branches. Beige lambswool scarf, £14.50 from Scotch House, SW1 and branches.

Fashion assistant: Rebecca Tyrrel. Photographs: Richard Imrie

High style jumps a generation as young men follow in their grandfathers' footsteps by choosing well-cut herringbone and Harris tweed

It is a racing certainty that no young man wants to dress in his father's image. Today's 40-year-olds are wearing self-consciously casual clothes – Frank Bough sweaters, colourful track suits and spectator sportswear.

Their offspring would not be seen dead dressed like that, but they are happy to dust down the styles that older men have discarded in a last dash for youth.

The tailored jacket has been kept alive during the sportswear revolution by the grandfathers of today's 20-year-olds – men for whom the bomber jacket was an uncomfortable reminder of the war and the leisure looks of a "scruffs' paradise". You see them at race meetings wearing lovat green tweeds, worsted Prince of Wales checks, horn-buttoned woollen cardigans and Tattersall check shirts.

These are the clothes that have inspired a new generation, who have rescued old tailor-made jackets and overcoats from the back of the hall cupboard, and ferreted out mildewed Barbours and trilbies from under the back stairs.

The sports coat is first on the list again for the stylish. A jacket that looks like the old porridge brown tweed with leather elbow patches style remembered from post war public school days might well be the real thing.

Jeremy Hackett recreates in his shops the schoolboy world of *Forty Years On*, where masters wore single-breasted, high-buttoned suits, visiting fathers were in tweed jackets and trilbies and the pupils were a mirror image of that world.

Hackett is 32, too young to remember the clothes he sells in his three London shops at the better end of Parson's Green. He started three years ago with old clothes: well-made jackets, serviceable tweeds, covert cloth coats. He added gentlemen's hunting and shooting clothes as well as accessories like punched brogues, hip flasks and shooting sticks.

The supply of second-hand clothes is shrinking, so Hackett has now started to recut the same shapes, using a small tailoring firm and traditional Scottish tweeds to recreate the look.

"It is the quality, rather than fashion, that interests me", he says. "All our patterns are based on old suits. I used to work in Savile Row and tailoring and cloth are important to me."



GRANDFATHER: Wide check tweed jacket, £169; Tattersall check shirt, £29.50; buff-coloured corduroy trousers, £45; tie, £16; brown felt trilby hat, £32; all from Hacketts, 65c New Kings Road, SW6. Suede gloves, £12.99 from Debenhams, W1 and branches.

GRANDSON: Covert cloth coat with velvet collar, £195; green twill jacket, £35; yellow double-breasted waistcoat, £24; cavalry twill trousers (with turn-ups), £24; brown felt trilby, £32; yellow Paisley cravat, £5; all from Hacketts, 65c New Kings Road, SW6.

Tailoring is what the new menswear image is all about. The English gentleman's clothes have always been treated with respect outside our country. Indeed, the American designer Ralph Lauren has founded his multi-million dollar empire on an unshakeable belief in English country taste.

Some of the same feeling is found in the clothes of the British designer David Chambers. He started his career apprenticed to Anderson and Shepard in Savile Row and then established himself as a bespoke tailor for private clients who include the pop world's Bryan Ferry and David Bowie.

Tommy Nutter, in the heartland of Savile Row, has made traditional tailoring with a fashion twist high style for his exacting clientele. This winter he is selling tweed suits in bold checks or pebble dashes of texture that recall the fashion era of the Duke of Windsor. He sells them made-to-measure or off-the-peg to Hooray Henries who respond to fashion and also to grandfather figures who remember the double-breasted or two-button, show-three suits well. Buying the bespoke look off-the-peg has been out of style for 20 years. But the stores report lift-off for the tailored tweeds this season.

Herringbone, say Harrods, has become the cult of the season. Their own label or traditional tweed jackets sell from £89.50, according to the cloth. Simpson is doing brisk business with its Daks sports coats and trousers. They have a russet brown Harris tweed, single-breasted, leather buttons and elbows, at £185 and a Shetland wool checked tweed at £149.

Marks and Spencer have introduced in selected stores this season some high fashion ventless, straight-backed tweed jackets, in subtle checks and continental fit. But at the same time they report that their Harris tweed jackets have been best sellers.

How the tweed jacket is worn is part of its style. The Young Fogeys team them, as matron intended, with Viyella shirts, knitted ties, V-necked sweaters, waistcoats or cardigans and even the once-despised cavalry twill.

Those with more wit and dash adopt the Tommy Nutter approach of mixing checks loud enough to frighten the horses with herringbone tweed trousers, and a dandy brocade waistcoat or tie. Next have a checked tweed jacket (£69.99), that tones with a Paisley shirt and flowered tie.

Dunhill have taken the Duke of Windsor's style and recreated his royal way with country clothes, from the soft cashmere mufflers to the supple tweed jackets and distinguished Prince of Wales checks.

Perhaps the present Prince of Wales, whose fashion-aware wife asked to see double-breasted jackets in an American store display last week, will give new life to his great-grandfather's royal house check.

The sweet smell of success

BEAUTY REPORT

While high fashion is struggling hard this season, cosmetics and perfumes are enjoying an unprecedented boom. Harrods last week made over its famous central hall into a vast display area for 300 perfumes: the glamorous new Perfume Hall is decorated in carving lines of black and white granite under a "milky way" of ceiling lights. The House of Fraser has opened the first of a chain of 40 shops called You, designed to do for beauty in the high street what Next did for fashion.

The beauty market is growing at a rate of 20 per cent a year, with the emphasis on the more expensive products. As Christmas sales get under way, House of Fraser alone is expecting its sales in these lines to top the £100 million mark this year.

The manufacturers are leading the assault. Chanel's new Coco perfume and Dior's startling green and purple Poison have both been unleashed on Britain this season with a fanfare of publicity. Karl Lagerfeld has been in town to promote his KL fragrance, part of his perfume company that includes the best-selling Chloé. Ungaro's luxurious Diva has been repackaged; and the American Oscar de la Renta launches his fragrance in London tomorrow with operatic grandeur.

The battle for our pulse points and wallets between the cosmetic giants and the old-established French houses who have an unshakeable share of the market, is now being joined by the thrusting Italian and American designer names.

Next year sees two major fragrances from America: Calvin Klein's Obsession and Estée Lauder's Beautiful, which she hopes will match her number one, Youth Dew. The trade is still reeling from the American success of Giorgio, produced by the shop of the same name in Beverley Hills with a spectacularly successful up-market magazine mail order launch. It came to Europe with a Hollywood-style party at the American Embassy in Paris in October.

This cheeky skirmish with the French on their own territory is unlikely to interrupt the imperturbable Gallic success. The great couture names continue to add new lines to their ranges: Chanel, Dior, Yves Saint Laurent, Ricci. Givenchy's Ysatis, launched last year, is already a world-wide success with the all-important contributory bath products and toiletries.

Hermes produced the bottle of the decade – shaped like a polo mint out of glass to recreate a horse's bit. They are one of several upmarket companies, known originally for quite different products, which have joined the fragrance business. They include Van Cleef & Arpels and Cartier, as well as a recent arrival: the Italian fur and leather house of Fendi.

Meanwhile, flowers remain an important part of the fragrance field, with Fabergé's Fleurs du Monde a new name and some more familiar fresh fragrances from Floris.

Guerlain's Shalimar, the first exotic, oriental perfume, celebrates its diamond jubilee this year. Sixty years on, when glamorous fragrances are back in fashion, Selfridges offers a 1500 ml bottle of Shalimar for £3,750. It is topped by ¾ oz of l'air d'or, a 23-carat gold piece suspended in the fragrance, for £8,000.

Shalimar's early success came in the Depression years. Sociologists will be swift to sniff out that today's hard times have brought a boom for beauty.



What do you wear with the quintessential little black dress? The message from France's fashion maestro is for sophisticated chic, rather than Xmas party glitz. Yves Saint Laurent leads the cosmetic look with subtle colours, inspired by the dusky African model Khadija. They mix deep purples and warm pinks with brown and amber, as an unexpected foil for black.

Swathes of black, body-shaping silky jersey, decorated with tassels, £350, with African-inspired leather thong glass necklace and earrings, and chic suede gloves. All from Yves Saint Laurent Rive Gauche, 113 New Bond Street, W1. Make-up by Helen Jeffers for Yves Saint Laurent Beauté. Hair by Martin Brooks for Schmmi. Photograph by TONY McGEE.

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Gripping instalment

Shock within the brotherhood: a freemason yesterday broke ranks to disclose that the masonic reformers, led by the Grand Master, the Duke of Kent, are planning to "tone down" the initial oath of secrecy. The oath, sworn by masons at their installation, decrees that any member who spills masonic beans will have "his throat cut across, his tongue torn out by the roots and buried in the sands of the sea at low water mark . . ." and other dire consequences. The reformers' revised ceremony – which my informant describes as an "apologetic mealy-mouthed version" – was demonstrated for the first time at the Freemasons' Hall in London last Friday and will now go on tour "to other parts of the constitution".

Hammer blow

In all the self-congratulatory publicity over their record-breaking sale of Géricault works last Friday, Christie's failed to mention that a third of the way through the 150 lots, the telephones went dead, cutting off every telephone bidder around the world for an hour and a half. The bidding was only momentarily stopped while staff scurried to sympathetic businesses in the area to ring the bidders back.

Sugaring the pill

Although not officially announced, Sir Geoffrey Howe is to meet Unesco's director-general, Amadou M'Bow, in London today. Poor Sir Geoffrey will not even be able to take a scotch to calm his nerves while being implored by M'Bow to keep Britain in Unesco. "They will have only tea and biscuits", says the FO, "because, like a good Muslim, M'Bow will not take a drink."

Stage fright

Mikhail Gorbachov clearly feels he has the better of Reagan when it comes to public performances. The Russians, I am reliably informed, have suggested that the two leaders hold a joint press conference at the end of this week's summit, as Gorbachov recently did with Mitterrand in Paris. The Americans, aware that Reagan might appear bumbling and confused alongside his counterpart, are stalling.

Party games

During six hours of voting on next year's EEC budget at the European Assembly, Merseyside's Labour MEP, Les Huckfield, raced a toy woodpecker down a 2ft stick. Despite the outrage of some of his Labour colleagues, Huckfield is unrepentant and points out that some German Greens joined in the races with their own toy woodpeckers. "Spending our time organizing woodpecker races in the chamber will make far more impact on policy than through any of the six hours' voting."

BARRY FANTONI



'The minute they call, Neville's going to lock himself in the fall-out shelter'

Bengal lancers?

After all the hoo-ha about Channel 4's controversial *Bandung File* report, broadcast just before this year's Labour conference, implying that Roy Hattersley's opposition to black sections was based on fear for his own parliamentary seat, the executive committee of his Birmingham Sparkbrook constituency has, I hear, recommended the expulsion of two local members. They are alleged to have cooperated with the programme. Executive producer of the *Bandung File* is Tariq Ali, the left-wing militant expelled from the party. My source tells me that when this axeing of the rebels was proposed, Hattersley remarked: "It is time to lance the boil."

Isolated instance

Thames TV journalists have now officially gone into dispute with the company over plans to show, this Thursday, a Broadcasting Complaints Commission judgment on a *TV Eye* programme broadcast four years ago. The apology concerns a report on Czech dissidents, ruled by the commission as "misleading and unjust". To broadcast the three-minute apology without naming the reporter involved, Julian Manyon, or the programme editor, Mike Townson, would have "a damaging effect on the professional reputation of all Thames journalists", the NUJ decided. With no answering move from the management, this week's edition of *TV Eye*, due to feature a studio discussion led by Sir Alastair Burnet, looks more likely than ever to be blacked – leaving the commission's ruling to be broadcast in humiliating isolation.

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A vital step from grime to green

by Tom Burke

Politicians have been busy recently advising British industrialists to improve their environmental performance. The moguls of industry are uncertain about how to react. No further clues are emerging from the current Confederation of British Industry annual conference.

"Environmental pressure groups", a CBI paper noted not long ago, "are expected to enjoy continuing support, and increasingly, the political parties to make 'the environment' a major issue." Environmental groups will no doubt be heartened by the first of these observations. The second exposes a very raw industrial nerve.

All the political parties have woken up to the fact that the environment is an uncolonized issue. Unlike health or law and order, it does not yet belong naturally to any one of them. The opposition parties in particular have begun to realize that the government's hold on this virgin territory is tenuous at best. And on issues such as onshore oil development, radioactive waste disposal, the relaxation of planning constraints, the Channel Tunnel and Sizewell, it is deeply vulnerable in just those areas of the country where restlessness with its economic policies is becoming apparent.

Industrial opinion fears that heightened political sensitivity on the environment will impose upon it additional costs and damage its competitiveness. Indeed, a recent estimate put the cost of damage to buildings in Western Europe from industrial air pollution at $3.5 billion a year. Health damage may cost at least a further $8 billion, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. The Dutch government has just discovered that its tax payers face a $1 billion bill to treat hazardous wastes. In the US this bill will come to $8 billion over the next 20 years.

The truth, however, is that for far too long industry has succeeded in transferring a substantial proportion of its real costs to the community as a whole. It is only the inevitable consequence of the efficient working of the marketplace that society should develop mechanisms for transferring them back. There are no free lunches in the environment.

Industry's position is both clear and concise: the environmental agenda must be subordinated to the industrial agenda or our wealth-creating capacity will be crippled. Taken on its own, this is a depressing message for the environment. Set in the broader context of the relationship between industry and the rest of society, however, it is not just depressing, it is dangerous – to industry and the economy.

We live in an anti-industrial culture; the attitudes it breeds are an underlying cause of Britain's plight, something Industry Year 1986 aims to transform. Society is to be taught how dependent it is on industrial success and how it must adapt to foster that success.

Unless industry learns more about the rest of society, the endeavour, however, will fail. If attitudes are to be transformed, as the logic of our national circumstances certainly requires, there will need to be a two-way street. This will mean dropping the constant call for the subordination of other priorities to the industrial agenda.

The effort to roll back our anti-industrial culture is doomed to failure unless industry's environmental record improves, since the visibility and frequency of environmental conflicts places the environment in a pivotal position in the broader strategy to transform public attitudes.

It is not simply a matter of image. No amount of massage by the most sophisticated manipulators can counter the effect of an industrial disaster such as Bhopal. Shell can advertise for as long as it chooses, but it is deluding itself if it believes that it alters public perceptions of the environmental impact of its activities.

What is required is a much more substantial engagement between industrial and environmental opinion. Both industry and the nation have far too much at stake to allow the current war of attrition to be endlessly prolonged.

An early opportunity exists for the CBI to signal a more responsive attitude to the environment. The Department of the Environment is currently locked in battle with the Department of Trade and Industry and others for control of pollution inspectorates. DoE control would add much-needed credibility to the inspectorates and reduce the cumbersome process for industry of obtaining consent from several departments.

Instead of sullenly supporting a chaotic status quo, the CBI could win many "green" friends by swift and firm support for the newly vigorous DoE. It would be an important token of a wider change of attitude.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Bill, please – but not for me

What is the most striking difference between Mrs Christina Harrison of Buxted, Sussex, and Mrs Cynthia Caler of Houston, Texas? What does the mother of the Chancellor of the Exchequer have, justifiably, that some "lords and ladies and baronesses" also have, much less justifiably? What *exactly* did the late John Galbraith (no relation to the economist) of Santa Barbara, California, die from? What do all these questions have in common?

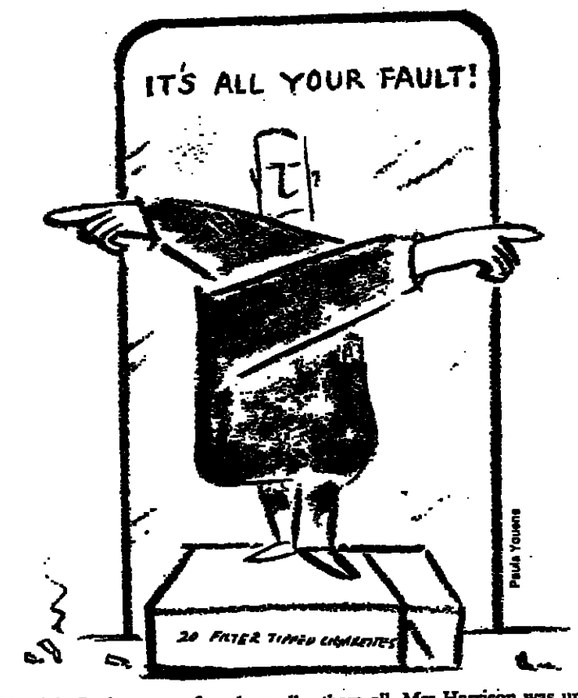
Mrs Harrison has recently been the victim of an unpleasant hoax. A statement was published, as an advertisement, in a local newspaper, purporting to be from her, which "confessed" to deplorable behaviour; she had never behaved in the manner described, and it transpired that the notice had been inserted by someone else using her name, with malicious intent. "I feel dreadful", she said; "my first reaction was just to hide. Now I'm trying to put on a brave front but it's awful to know that someone out there hates me."

Mrs Caler has also, apparently, been the victim of a hoax, or at least of a serious mistake or accident. She bought a doll for her infant daughter; it was one of those which, when a miniature tape-recording inside the doll is activated, speaks. This doll spoke in language not common to dolls, viz., a torrent of swearwords. Possibly someone in the factory was doctoring the product; perhaps someone had switched the innocent doll for a less reputable brand; anyway, the child was learning words that are normally met with somewhat later in life. Mrs Caler was, understandably, shocked.

So far, the two stories are similar; now they diverge quite sharply. The doll company, apprised of the rogue doll, was suitably dismayed, and promptly offered to replace it with one which would speak only honeyed words. Mrs Caler declined the offer, and went to her lawyers. Mrs Harrison, too, was offered redress by the newspaper that had printed the fake advertisement, in the form of an apology in a subsequent issue. She, too, declined the offer, but on very different grounds; "I just want to forget the whole thing", she said.

First question answered; on to the Chancellor's mum. This good lady, well struck in years, is disabled; both hips, it seems, are damaged, and she is therefore unable to use public transport. But she cannot afford many taxis (she does not take financial help from Mr Lawson, because she believes it would be unfair to a man with so large a family of his own to support). To her rescue there comes an unlikely Roland in the shape of the GLC; for disabled people in the metropolitan area a special card is provided, free of charge, which entitles the holder to go anywhere within the GLC bailiwick, by taxi, for an even pound, the rest of the fare being paid for by – well, by you and me, actually, out of our rates.

I certainly do not begrudge Mrs Lawson my share of her reduced taxi rides. But the GLC says that the *only* qualification for the magic taxi card is disability; the "lords and ladies and baronesses" to whom my old friend A. Spokesman referred are all disabled, but there is no suggestion that they are also all unable to pay the full fare in a taxi. Yet our rates are subsidizing them, too, even if they can afford to *buy* the taxi, never mind flag it down.



The story of the never-to-be-sufficiently-lamented Mr Galbraith has been bubbling along for some time. Not long before he turned up his toes, at the age of 69, Mr Galbraith began a lawsuit against a tobacco company, which his heirs and assigns are continuing *post* his *mortem;* he knew he was dying of lung cancer, and claimed that he had contracted the fatal disease because he had smoked 60 cigarettes a day for 51 years. (I must say that if I were running the accused tobacco company, I would plaster that news over every hoarding and television commercial in the land; to smoke for half a century at the rate of 60 a day – something over *a million* gaspers – before being carried off could well be evidence of quite astounding therapeutic properties in the weed.) To the question that springs at once to mind – what became of the principle of *volenti non fit injuria,* if a man who smoked himself to death can claim damages from anyone but himself? – his lawyer, the inevitable Mr Melvin Belli, has found an ingenious answer. Mr Galbraith argued, and his surviving relatives are continuing to argue (to be precise, all the arguing is being done by Mr Belli, presumably on a cash-and-carry basis), that although Mr Galbraith believed that smoking was doing him in, however slowly, he was so wedded to his poison that he couldn't stop, so it was not his fault but that of the tobacco.

Now what is the common element in these strange tales of our strange time? It is *responsibility,* which takes many forms but is of a like nature in them all. Mrs Harrison was unpleasantly defamed; shocked and hurt, she at once took steps to heal her own wound – she refused even the proffered redress, let alone the potentially rich pickings available in the courts. We score one upright and responsible woman, and turn the page.

On the *verso,* we find another woman, in her way no less shocked and hurt than her English counterpart. But mark the difference; when the doll-maker offered immediate redress, Mrs Caler refused it, and went off to her lawyers. I would like to believe, but unfortunately am unable to, that they promptly told her to shut up and stop making a spectacle of herself; any day now, therefore, we may expect a nice, plump, brand-new lawsuit, in which damages of anything up to $972,000 million will be demanded from the doll company for teaching Little Miss Muffet to say "bugger" before she was two years old. Hand on heart, can you say that the American party of the first part has behaved as wisely, to put it no more sharply, as the English one?

Now for Mrs Lawson, proud mother of a real live Chancellor, and her hips. She scores twice; once for refusing to burden Nigel with extra financial commitments, and once for expressing gratitude to those who have enabled her to get about.

But would you stake your life that among the "lords and ladies and baronesses", and for that matter the misters and missuses, who also travel by taxi at others' expense, there is *none* who could regularly afford the full taxi fare? And those who could, but prefer to cadge it from those who in many cases are less well off than they are themselves; what does "responsible" mean to them, other than what it means in the sentence "I think somebody else should be responsible for the cost of my comforts"? (It used to be said that the first sentence to be learned in a foreign language by a bad linguist abroad is "The gentleman over there will pay". *Autres temps, autres moeurs;* today, it is the most useful sentence at home.)

As for the case of Mr Galbraith, his family and whoever thought up their wheeze, it shows much more than the degree of shameless impudence that can apparently be deployed with impunity in an American court. For it must surely mark also the furthest point yet reached in the retreat from responsibility. When a man announces unambiguously that although he knowingly took poison, and went on knowingly taking it for 51 years (and, incidentally, enjoying it) somebody else is now to pay for the effects of it on his health, it suggests, among other things, that he has a funny idea of what it means to be human rather than a glove-puppet. (Mr Galbraith claimed that he could not help himself; he was *addicted* to tobacco, so he must be absolved from any duty or responsibility to himself. Nor have those pursuing the claim failed to argue that when he took up the habit, at the age of 18, he was only a trusting innocent, quite unaware that smoking can lead to more smoking. It is a mercy that the tobacco company is not being prosecuted for infanticide.)

King Lear had a hand in it, you know; "I am a man more sinned against than sinning." But where did *he* get the idea? He got it from Adam, who put it in its purest form, the form in which it has survived intact to this day: "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat." No doubt Adam hired Mr Belli for the subsequent lawsuit, but it would be quite unfair to blame those who make a living out of the abandonment of responsibility for the abandonment itself. Somehow, and don't ask me how, we have got to get back to a condition in which we do not instinctively look to others to pay our bills, in which, when someone treads on our toe, we do not promptly sue for the full amount of an amputation at the hip, just in case, in which we accept censure for our failures and wrongdoings as completely, even if not as cheerfully, as we take praise for our successes and achievements. Somehow, we have got to get back to the realization that although little children must be protected from dangers that they are too young to understand, adults are presumed to be able to protect themselves.

I hope the heirs of Mr Galbraith are non-suited; I hope the taxi-cadgers have their fingers shut in the door; I hope Mrs Caler, if she proceeds with her lawsuit against the doll-maker, becomes the laughing-stock of all Texas; and I most fervently hope that Mrs Harrison and Mrs Lawson live long and prosper greatly. More to the point, I hope that they live long enough to see their kind honoured, and the other kind looked down upon. But I fear that if they are to see such a revolution they will have to live very long indeed.

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Matthew Parris

Put out to grass – for ever

Five years ago *The Times* published a letter in which I proposed an important extension to the common agricultural policy. Under my "common industrial policy" the EEC was to buy thousands of unsold Morris Marinas at a guaranteed price, pile them up on the Isle of Dogs and offer them at half-price to the Russians. My proposal was ignored or, worse still, treated as facetious.

Four years later I remarked in these columns that the ornamental concrete cows one can see from the railway near Milton Keynes could be the key to solving Europe's milk surplus problems. Again, only giggles were heard in response.

For a radical visionary, it is disheartening to be treated in this way. So what follows is my last word on agriculture: a most modest proposal, refining – but in no way altering – principles which already underlie our agricultural policy.

Farming quotas are a way of curbing production without the vulgar uncertainties of a fluctuating price. Each farmer is guaranteed a fair and stable price for his produce. In return he guarantees to keep production to an agreed limit. So far, this quota system has been applied mainly to milk.

Quotas caught British dairy farmers unprepared. Some went under. We Tory back-benchers had a rare old time being yelled at by National Farmers' Union members at meetings in our constituencies. For a few weeks we all called on Michael Jopling to resign as Agriculture minister; Welsh farmers threw eggs at him. But he gritted his teeth, sat it out, and was eventually rewarded. The murmur at NFU meetings now is that quotas aren't so awful after all. "Stability", "security", "Well, I'm still here, Jack: got to keep the other fellows out! Haul up the gangplanks . . ." etc.

Thus is land nationalized by stealth. Farmers still "own" the land, of course, but it is no longer worth owning without a quota. In time, quotas create among farmers a constituency of support for quotas – after all, anyone who hasn't got one isn't a farmer!

After imposing quotas, the ministry needed the means to redistribute or reduce still further. So it introduced the "outgoers'" scheme, offering farmers a once-for-all payment to stop producing milk altogether. The problem here is that they switch to producing something else, thus contributing to a new surplus. Happily, quotas and the outgoers' scheme can be replaced with a unified approach which achieves the ends of both.

The government should supply concrete cows, tastefully painted in cow-like colours with gloss-enamel paint. In exchange for these, farmers would be invited to surrender an equal number of real dairy cows. Each concrete cow thus acquired would attract an annual stipend, payable by the ministry to the farmer: in this they would be rather like the wooden "hotels" you can buy in Monopoly to place on your property in Park Lane or Mayfair – but with one crucial difference: each "cow" must be sited in a paddock with as much real land as the ministry deems requisite to a real cow. No other beast may graze there or crop grown, thus "sterilizing" the land against food production of any sort.

The concrete cows would trade among farmers on the open market or they could be returned to the ministry on payment of a fee for the release back into production of the sterilized paddock.

Simply by varying the rent payable on concrete cows (fixed annually in the Budget) or adjusting the fee for redeeming sterilized land, the minister would have in his hands a sensitive lever to control milk production. Farmers, for their part, would generally want to keep a mixed portfolio of real and concrete cattle: movements in the ratio would reflect their expectation of the future supply of or demand for milk, and the minister's likely response. There would be no need for production quotas.

This flexible scheme offers farmers a fair mix of stability with risk, and it would leave the countryside looking as the Ramblers' Association would like it. There is only one drawback. Surveillance would be needed to ensure that real cows were not secretly reintroduced beside their concrete sisters.

We are shortly to get it, anyway. I am unsure whether Jopling knows this yet, but he will soon be explaining to Parliament why we must introduce cereal quotas. The Government opposes this at present, preferring "price restraint" – but farmers elsewhere in the EEC would not stand for that. The murmur, already, is that the NFU is "interested" in quotas for cereals.

Dairy quotas are self-monitoring because there is little you can do with milk if the Milk Marketing Board won't take it, but surplus cereals can be milled, baked, stored or fed to animals, so refusing to buy them would not be enough: government would have to *stop* farmers *growing* them. That requires surveillance. How?

Satellites (favoured by the European Commission) are too remote. Helicopters would shatter the traditional British Sunday, and possibly the concrete cows.

I favour hot-air balloons. The EEC needs to brighten its image and there is something festive about balloons. The enormous quantities of nylon needed would help ICI in the switch away from agricultural fertilizers. Soon, the technology could be with us to produce plastic cornfields – by the square metre, like carpet-tiles – on which the balloons could also check, eliminating the need for cereal quotas, too.

Farmers would stay indoors, listening to opera or learning Portuguese. Outside, the Barley Barons Balloon Patrol would hover above, its gas-flares roaring, its nylon flanks caught in the harvest gold of an autumn sunset...and from the cowsheds, only silence.

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moreover . . . Miles Kington

How Reagan could be rooked

Chess fans will be glued to their teleprinters today for the start of the long-awaited world championship between Russian maestro Mikhail Gorbachov and the whirlwind American master Ronald Reagan. Both are recognized as being the best in the world today, so many people are forecasting a long series of draws, but the battle for supremacy should provide many moments of excitement and play of the highest quality.

Their styles provide an absorbing study of contrasts. Gorbachov is a typical product of the Soviet chess machine, methodical, thoughtful and bent on gradual domination of the board by any means. Previous encounters between East and West have been overshadowed by the tendency of the Russian champion to die just when things were getting exciting, but the Russians have cleverly chosen a young man this time, and whatever else Gorbachov lacks, it will not be stamina.

Reagan, by contrast, is a much more mercurial player, some would say distrait. He tends on occasion to forget that he is playing a game of chess, or to get the name of his opponent mixed up with someone completely different, but his huge following insists that he represents all that is best about America and no other American has come close to challenging him. Here, for instance, is a recent game in which Reagan skilfully exploited his opponent's conventional approach to strategy.

White Reagan, Black Mondale
Nigaraguan Defence

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 P-KN4 P-Q3
3 P-K4 N-KB3 4 P-KR4 resigns

Maddened by Reagan's brilliant option of doing the same move over and over again, the usually unflappable Mondale blows up and resigns. This tactic of saying or doing the same thing over and over again is one invented by Reagan. Some experts call it innovatory, others say it's because he doesn't know any other move, but this is disproved by another recent Reagan game.

White El Salvador, Black Reagan
White House Offensive

1 P-K4 P-KR1 2 resigns

Here, Reagan uses another tactic of his own invention that of moving the other man's pieces. There is no answer to this, especially when Reagan owns the chess board, the chess pieces and the chess officials. Another pretty example of Reagan's fresh approach to the game comes from a very recent short encounter with Prince Charles.

White Prince Charles; Black Reagan
Nancy Variation

1 P-K4 Q-SW11 2 draw agreed

Reagan prefers short, sharp games, as if he cannot conceive of any chess encounter going on much beyond five moves, but Gorbachov is an intriguingly different customer. Here is an excerpt from a game played last month, starting at the 25th move.

White Gorbachov; Black, Rest of the World
KGB Gambit

25 Q-B6 PxQ! 26 Q-Q8

What this unusual sign means is that Gorbachov suddenly revealed that his opponent's Queen had been working for the Russians all along! In an amazing press conference in Moscow, the so called Black Queen testified that she had been drugged and forced to play for Black against her will, and that from now on she would be playing for White. This turned the whole game in Gorbachov's favour.

Here is another example of the wily Russian's play, from a recent game in the Kabul championships.

White Gorbachov; Black Afghanistan.
Tank Offence

36 RxB,P,P,P

What seems to have happened here is that Gorbachov actually ordered part of the chess board to be blown up, an unconventional move but one which does not actually seem to be against the local rules. We have a picture, in fact, of two players who on their own terms are unbeatable but who have never met another player of their own class before, nor one so much outside their own experience. Our experts will be on hand to analyse every move between the irresistible Gorbachov and the veteran Reagan, who is said to be perfecting a new Star Pawn defence which Gorbachov can never pierce. Whatever happens, it is certain that neither side will admit defeat.

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Will Khomeini's navy take on the West?

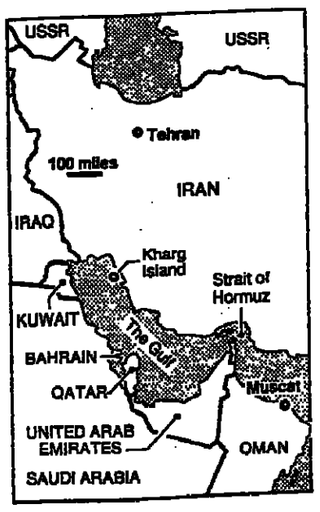
President Reagan is likely to warn Mikhail Gorbachov at their summit meeting today of possible US naval action only 800 miles from the southern Soviet border – but to assure him of no anti-Soviet intent. It would be against the Iranian navy should Ayatollah Khomeni's increasingly embattled regime try to impose a blockade on the Strait of Hormuz, at the entrance to the Gulf, in an attempt to break the impasse in its five-year war against Iraq.

The Iranian army, despite exhortations to martydom in the cause of Allah, has been unable to pierce Iraq's strongly fortified defences. In the air, attacks on Iran's main oil terminal at Kharg Island have significantly reduced exports of its main source of foreign exchange, already badly hit by the abundance of cheap oil on world markets.

Equally debilitating for Iran could be the schism now dividing the leadership into two antagonistic camps. Recently the 83-year-old Ayatollah had to order President Ali Khamenei to nominate Mir Hosain Moussavi, a leader of the opposing faction, for another term as prime minister. This so incensed the president's supporters that a third of the deputies in parliament disregarded the order and voted against Moussavi. In response, Moussavi's men intensified their campaign against the president, accusing him of corruption and despotism. The net result has been a new cabinet of angry young men hardened in left-wing ideology and eager to prove their revolutionary credentials.

These events were not lost on the six kings, sultans and emirs of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) at their recent conference in Muscat. They had already agreed to set up a Peninsular Shield Force under the command of a Saudi general while Bahrain and Oman have granted facilities to the British and US navies. Military equipment is being stockpiled in Oman for the American Rapid Deployment Force.

The smaller states in the GCC are reluctant to involve the federation in a full defence treaty for fear of Saudi domination, while Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, with large Shia minorities, have tried not to antagonize any further the bastion of Shiism across the water. All agree, however, that if a frustrated Iran should decide to impose a blockade on the Strait of Hormuz – it is already stopping neutral ships on the high seas and confiscating cargo thought to be bound for Iraq – the US navy, and possibly the British, would have no option but to confront the Iranians to keep open one of the world's most vital waterways.



The GCC heads of state have again called for mediation to end the Iran-Iraq war, but they know their appeal, like those in the past, has little chance of success. What they fear most is a further fall in oil prices that would not only disrupt their own economic and military programmes, but might encourage Iran to seek an end to its troubles by extending the war to the southern shores of the Gulf.

Some think that a desperate Iran might impose a blockade, courting certain defeat at the hands of the detested western powers, as a face-saving retreat from its present position of no compromise with Iraq.

The immediate future remains highly unpredictable. Everyone in the Gulf area hopes that non-Opec producers such as Britain and Norway will agree not to raise production levels while the oil market remains weak. In the absence of a willingness in Tehran to sue for peace with Iraq, stabilized oil prices might enable everyone involved, including outside powers, to maintain the present stalemate in the war.

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NO REFERENDUM

Ulster Unionist politicians are demanding a referendum to settle the fate of the Hillsborough agreement, a referendum confined to Northern Ireland of course. After all, the Scots got one when far-reaching changes in the machinery of government were on the tapis for their country. So did the Welsh. Even the kingdom as a whole was consulted by referendum about membership of the European Community, though only as an accomplished fact. Northern Ireland will not be so treated. The po-faced reason supplied is that the agreement is one between two governments, to be classified as external relations, suitable for parliamentary not regional endorsement.

The real reason may as well be given. The agreement would be voted down. Ulster unionists *have* been given a pledge, never more ceremoniously and bilaterally than now, that the constitutional status of Northern Ireland shall not be changed without their consent. That gives them a majority's veto, if they wish to exercise it, over any proposal to alter the location of sovereignty in the province, the crucial matter of to whom and with whom the province belongs. It is entirely right that they should be given that power of veto which derives from the principle of self-determination.

But it has never been the intention of those who have granted and upheld that right of veto that it should be stretched to cover the means the British government adopts to discharge its responsibility towards the province or the internal arrangements for provincial administration. Unionists, and for that matter the SDLP, have sought to impose an extended veto of that sort: sometimes with success when they have withheld the co-operation on which the success of some proposal depends. Application of the machinery of the Hillsborough agreement does not however depend on the co-operation of the unionist or any other party. Lacking the weapon of abstention to defeat it with, they have no claim to be armed with the weapon of a referendum.

Denied that, they propose to resign their seats at Westminster once the agreement is endorsed there. The conventions governing the stewardship of the Chiltern Hundreds and Manor of Northstead permitting, they will resign more or less en bloc and have province-wide by-elections on the one day. It will excite a lot of political activity, but it can hardly be the knock-out blow the general election of February 1974 was for the Sunningdale agreement.

Then the Ulster Unionist party split for and against the power-sharing assembly. Pro-assembly candidates stood in seven out of the twelve constituencies of those days. All were defeated by anti-assembly unionists, two were sitting members, two lost their deposits. It was an overwhelming rejection of Sunningdale by Protestant Ulster. Fifteen simultaneous by-elections now would be overwhelmingly something in its result, but what? No unionist would stand as a pro-Hillsborough candidate. The turn-out would show that the divide in Ulster's political society is just as ever. Gains and losses, if any, would depend as usual not on movements of opinion but on the tactical factor of which sectarian vote was more damagingly split and where. As a verdict on Hillsborough it would be less than competent.

The exchanges in the Commons yesterday left the Prime Minister's case for the agreement undented, while showing that the gap between the political cultures of Northern Ireland and Britain are as wide as the Irish Sea. Mrs Thatcher had occasion to complain several times that unionist MPs were misrepresenting the agreement in a way to raise fears that are unfounded. Which message is Protestant Ulster receiving?

The Northern Ireland Assembly in fulminating session at the weekend called on Mrs Thatcher to come over and address them. She could do worse than take up the invitation, in order to hammer home there as she did here two bull points in the agreement: Dublin's formal recognition of the unionist position, and the agreement's (yet to be realized) potentiality for contributing to defeat of the IRA.

Her credit is good in Ulster. She should use it there early, in full, and in person. If the generality of unionists become convinced, as their loudest leaders tell them, that they have been manoeuvred into a one-way street to Dublin and the Dail, they will set no limits to the means of their resistance.

SUMMITRY IN PERSPECTIVE

In the long run-up to today's summit the public relations machines of East and West have demonstrated a capacity for overkill besides which the nuclear armouries of the superpowers have seemed barely adequate. The result has been to transform the Reagan–Gorbachov encounter from being a serious meeting of the world leaders into a propaganda exercise – with Mr Gorbachov very much the winner.

The affair of the leaked Pentagon letter reflects the mixture of perfidy and/or incompetence which has paved Washington's approach to Geneva – and too often made the president seem to stumble. But in one respect at least Mr Weinberger was right. The president will be under enormous strain during the next two days to compromise long-term principles for the sake of short-term gain. Whether Mr Reagan needs his defence secretary to remind him of this is doubtful. But it helps to put the summit in perspective.

The chances of the two men reaching a satisfactory accord within two days – with time taken off for translation – are less than good. For the Americans to allow their worries over public relations to lead them towards some meretricious compromise which would allow Mr Reagan to emerge triumphantly from Geneva clutching a piece of paper in his hand, would be disastrous. The lost PR battles of the last few months need not be reversed in the next few days.

Posterity might regard failure to reach an arms control agreement in November 1985 as an opportunity lost. But it would certainly look on their success in concluding an unsatisfactory agreement as an opportunity badly mishandled by Washington.

Accord on arms control reflects rather than creates better East-West relations. That the superpowers should seek to restrain each other's capacity for overkill is a highly desirable function of East-West diplomacy. But the Third World War will not break out simply because this time they fail.

What affronts people about the Soviet Union is not just the size of its strategic stockpile but its contemptuous disregard for its international agreements, most notably on human rights. Its repression of dissidents, its treatment of Jews. Its bare-knuckle control over those unfortunate enough to be neighbouring states. Those are the differences which most divide West from East. It is hard to believe that Mr Gorbachov does not know this already. But a reminder would do him no harm.

What the West might realistically hope for from the next two days is an agreement to agree – and perhaps to meet again in six months' time. Summits when they are held as rarely as in the recent past (the last one was six years ago) assume a charisma which is disproportionate and unreal. The West has to get on with the Soviet Union, but it should not compromise its principles to do so.

NOWT FOR NOWT

The Confederation of British Industry has at last made a wholehearted attempt to wean its members away from the trappings of the defunct corporate state. That owes much to the leadership of its current president, Sir James Cleminson, who has promoted the notion that four-fifths of the things industry wants are its own hands. that itself is quite a shift.

The transition to self-help still needs the occasional nudge from the Chancellor, delivered with his usual charm. (Even the government still lapses into thinking of the CBI as a group of ungrateful Tory councillors from the provinces). Without that nudge, there might not have been so sharp an emphasis at Harrogate yesterday on cutting pay rises to make industry more competitive.

"Nowt for nowt", was the slogan coined by Sir Terence Beckett, the CBI's director-general, to help phase out the annual inflation-related pay *rise*. In practice, that seems to mean keeping wage rises two percentage points lower than this year, which would slow, rather than stop the deterioration of British wage costs relative to our best overseas competitors.

Sir Terence's proposition is undeniable: the main puzzle is why private industry has not followed the recent leadership of the public sector when inflation is well down its decline, union pressure is weak and employees highly realistic. Consistency in economic policy has revealed to all that unearned wage rises are ultimately paid by the unemployed.

Some top managers may have been embarrassed by their own extravagant profit-related pay rises, though there was little evident drive for boardroom restraint at Harrogate. But the habit of negotiation is mainly responsible and the CBI can play a useful role as a sort of Negotiators Anonymous in helping its members break the habit.

The missing element in Sir Terence's call, picked up by some speakers in the debate, was the employers' role in making sure there is "owt" to provide higher living standards. If British wage costs are excessive, and moving in the wrong direction, that is because productivity is lower than that in Germany or Japan by a wider margin than British wages are lower. Industry's biggest task is to deliver continuing above-average rises in output and productivity. That alone can raise the long-term growth rate above 2 or 2.5 per cent. No government can do that.

The CBI is facing a similarly tricky transition over its attitude to unemployment. The plan to divert £1 billion from tax cuts to spending had the quality of a ritual gesture, that would make little impact whether accepted or rejected by ministers.

Leading companies are now taking a constructive role in helping in trading and in aiding new small businesses and this initiative is likely to spread. Still today, however, there is not enough general emphasis on the role of industry in creating new jobs by self-generated expansion. The increased emphasis at Harrogate on better marketing and new product development is a means to that end.

Caution borne of the recession remains, with cash-rich companies too often looking over their shoulder to the City, where institutional investors are taking an increasingly short-term view of companies that require time to profit from investment in their future.

The transformed political and economic climate allows businessmen to concentrate on their true role in bringing together capital and labour. Industry needs to develop better relations with capital as well as using labour more productively. The CBI has begun to see this clearly. In action, its members still have a long way to go.

Disorderly conduct

From Mr Vernon Bogdanor

Sir, It is striking that Parliament will be discussing the proposals on law and order in the Queen's Speech without the benefit of representatives of the ethnic minorities who would have much to contribute on the question of how our cities can be made more peaceful.

No doubt it is partly for this reason that the speech deals with only one aspect of the inner-city problem – the strengthening of the law. Even this, however, will have little effect unless relations between ethnic minorities and the police can be improved.

American experience suggests that this is in large part dependent upon satisfying the political aspirations of members of the ethnic minorities. Indeed, the United States has been remarkably successful in this respect in that the number of black elected officials increased tenfold between 1968 and 1980.

Not only did this lead to a much closer identification by black groups with federal programmes which they began to perceive as theirs, but in addition there have been notable changes in police attitudes and perceptions.

His experiences in Northern Ireland will have taught Mr Hurd that, in a plural society, effective policing depends upon cross-community consent. This can only be achieved if the identity and aspirations of all groups are recognized and encouraged.

Surely it is time for the Government to consider the lessons of other plural societies and confront directly the problem of how to satisfy the political aspirations of members of the ethnic minorities.

Yours faithfully
VERNON BOGDANOR,
Brasenose College,
Oxford.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Removing barriers to free trade

From Sir David Nicolson

Sir, The European Community's most important task ahead is the completion of the Common Market, which could bring major benefits to British commerce and industry, particularly through the liberalisation of financial services in Europe.

Lord Cockfield's European Commission White Paper, which sets out the steps needed to achieve a unified market by 1992, requires the enactment of over 300 directives. Their adoption by the Council of Ministers of the 12 member states is, however, only possible if their decisions are reached by weighted majority voting.

Sticking to the old practice of unanimous agreement for the passage of Community legislation would guarantee their failure.

That is why the intergovernmental conference on the reform of the Treaty of Rome, now taking place in Luxembourg, is so crucial. As vital British interests are at stake, HM Government should now strongly support reforms of the treaty leading to decisions by majority voting on measures removing the remaining barriers to free trade within the European Community.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
DAVID NICOLSON,
(Chairman-elect, European Movement),
Berkeley Square House,
Berkeley Square, W1.
November 14.

Museum charges

From the Chairman of the Friends of Gunnersbury Park & Museum

Sir, May I comment on the connection between museum charges and charity? The contents of the museums of this country, both national and local, have not in the main been bought in the market place. They have been donated and bequeathed by all manner of people over the years.

By imposing charges at the National Maritime Museum and by soliciting gifts in the manner recently chosen by the V&A the directors of both museums are running counter to the assumptions made by many of those benefactors. One unfortunate result will be that both museums will have to rely to a greater extent on the market place in the future.

Both museums have a body of well-wishers, registered charities known as friends. By advertising that members of these groups have free or unharassed admission, both directors are now encouraging the public to join for direct financial benefit rather than as a charitable act. In this way the eager embrace of market forces has polluted the well-springs of charity: quite the opposite to the expressed wish of the director of the V&A.

The directors of the national museums are the leaders of a profession which is concerned with many values which cannot be measured by admission statistics. The introduction of charges should be seen, not as an occasion for self-congratulation, but as a failure so demeaning as to require resignation.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES WISDOM, Chairman,
Friends of Gunnersbury Park & Museum,
25 Hartington Road,
Chiswick, W4.
November 8.

From Mrs Katherine Jessel

Sir, Mrs Willoughby's reference (November 15) to the "supermarket checkout" is apt. During a church service the offertory is placed after the sermon – not as one enters the church door.

Would it not be psychologically more astute to place the cash registers at the exit where the customer may better assess how much his visit has been worth?

Yours faithfully,
KATHERINE JESSEL,
7 Churchill Road,
Guildford,
Surrey.
November 15.

End of the road

From Mr A. Leiber

Sir, I fail to understand how the Reverend Charles Neill (November 14) can castigate the use of such portentous appellations as "carriageway repairs" whilst in the same breath using words like "portentous appellation".

Yours faithfully,
A. LEIBER,
137 Haymoor Road,
Parkstone,
Poole, Dorset.
November 14.

Appointment of bishops

From Mr Michael Latham, MP for Rutland and Melton (Conservative)

Sir, On November 20 the General Synod of the Church of England will be asked to take note of the report of Archbishop Lord Blanch's review group on crown appointments, accompanied by a covering report from the standing committee of the Synod. The latter document is generally favourable to the Blanch report, though there are some explicit differences.

One sensitive difference of emphasis between the two documents deserves wider scrutiny. When Mr James Callaghan announced to the House of Commons on June 8, 1976, the new provisions for recommending names of archbishops or diocesan bishops to the Queen, he clearly stated that the Church would have the right to draw up "a short-list of names, which might be given in order of preference." But he also said that the Prime Minister "would retain the right to recommend the second name, or to ask . . . for a further name or names."

In practice, two names are submitted but the Crown Appointments Commission of the Church has an internal voting mechanism – described in paragraph 28 of the Blanch report – which is intended to send a signal to Downing Steet whether one of the two candidates is preferred to the other.

However, the Blanch report makes a point of stating that successive Prime Ministers have usually accepted the first name put forward by the commission, and that "it is unusual for its preference to go unheeded." It also quotes Sir Norman Anderson as having said that both sides in 1976 "expected the convention to develop that the first name is taken."

Sir, there is no such convention and, if there were thought to be one, it would undermine Mr Callaghan's carefully worked out *entente* with the Church of England. The Prime Minister may choose either of the two names and he/she has the unqualified right to ask for further names, although the latter provision has apparently never yet been invoked.

The General Synod standing committee's report rightly emphasises the Prime Minister's unfettered right of choice within the terms of the 1976 agreement. It would be regrettable if anyone within the Church were to imply that the system for archbishops or diocesans was moving towards the arrangement for suffragan bishoprics, whereby the first name has invariably been accepted by the Prime Minister since 1888. That is not what Mr Callaghan agreed.

Since both archbishops and some diocesan bishops sit as of right in the House of Lords, the Prime Minister of the day cannot be expected to have to recommend to Her Majesty a person over whose name he or she was allowed no discretionary choice at all. Mr Callaghan made this very point in his 1976 statement.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL LATHAM,
House of Commons.
November 14.

Failure to please in Northern Ireland

From Mr Neil Hamilton, MP for Tatton (Conservative)

Sir, My colleague, Edward Leigh (November 15) denies the need for a consultative council in Eire to match that proposed for Northern Ireland under the Anglo-Irish Agreement. He justifies his view on the grounds that the "minority community" in the South participates "fully and freely" in the republic's affairs whereas this does not. *mutatis mutandis*, apply in the North.

Civil and political rights are enjoyed in Northern Ireland by all, regardless of religious persuasion or lack of it. What can he mean, therefore, when he says that the Unionists will not share power with the "minority community"? The "minority community" in this context is not "Roman Catholic" but "Nationalist". It is a dangerous illusion that equates the two.

How could it ever be possible to share power within a political institution with those who deny its legitimacy and whose sole aim is its destruction?

The Anglo-Irish Agreement will fail for the same reason as all the other pipedreams of unity. It is an attempt to reconcile two irreconcileable interests: Unionism and Nationalism (not Roman Catholicism and Protestantism). The conflict is not religious but political.

Unionists are certain to reject a proposal which, without reciprocation, gives to Eire a privileged position in Northern Ireland whilst Eire is still committed by its Constitution to the absorption of Northern Ireland within itself.

The Consultative Council proposal, if even-handed, might enjoy some success; the current one-sided proposal is certain to fail. Nationalists will not be appeased by this half-way house whereas Unionists will be affronted and aroused in opposition.

The Government, well-meaning as its predecessors, will achieve not reconciliation, but will add the alienation of the "majority" (Unionists) to that of the "minority" (Nationalists).

Not for the first time an attempt to please everybody pleases nobody.

Yours faithfully,
NEIL HAMILTON,
House of Commons.
November 15.

From Mr T. M. Brodie

Sir, The outcry from Ulster politicians against this week's accord was inevitable, as were their protests that the wishes of the majority were being ignored. The Protestants of Northern Ireland are not a majority in that union of which they are such a proud part, however, and perhaps we should *all* take part in a referendum on the subject. I suspect that the view of the majority in Great Britain as a whole would be quite clear, as we have expended more than enough lives and money on the problem.

Like all such compromises, this new arrangement depends upon the willingness of those directly involved to savour the advantages and come to terms with the disadvantages. We are *all* involved to some extent, however, and will forgive neither Republicans nor Unionists if they fail to take this opportunity to end their conflict.

The majorities in Great Britain and Eire are heartily tired of it, not to mention wellwishers of both sides worldwide, and it will be entirely to our advantage if we can make this accord work.

Yours faithfully,
T. M. BRODIE,
Elm Tree Farm,
Chapmore End, Ware, Hertfordshire.
November 16.

Okehampton by-pass

From Mr G. Brian Parker

Sir, Mrs Chalker (November 16) is wrong to imply that adoption of a northern route for Okehampton by-pass must cause a six-year delay. In a memorandum to the Secretary of State for the Environment, written at his request in early July, I spelt out why the delay need be only two to three years.

A key question is whether a preferred northern route can be defined without a fresh round of public consultation.

The outcome of public consultation and the public inquiry, together with the firm decision, not in contention, to extend the A30 from Whidden Down to Tongue End Cross, have served to narrow the serious options for a northern route to "route M" as laid before the joint committee. This comprises parts of the two main northern options examined at the 1979 inquiry.

To decide against a fresh consultation exercise is not, as Mrs Chalker implies, to limit discussion at a public inquiry to a single route.

On November 2 you carried a report that the M40 extension is to be rerouted to avoid Ot Moor and today, you reported that there will be (as I have assumed at Okehampton) a public inquiry. However, at no stage will the new route of the M40 have been subject to public consultation. By insisting on public consultation in the case of a northern route at Okehampton but accepting its omission in the case of an eastern route at Ot Moor, Mrs Chalker is guilty of applying double standards.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN PARKER,
17 The Green,
Twickenham, Middlesex.
November 18.

From Mr A. M. Sutton-Scott-Tucker

Sir, Mr Sayer expresses concern in his letter, published on November 11, that the special parliamentary procedure will in future be denied to petitioners if the Government passes its confirming Bill for the southern route by-pass.

The object of this procedure is to ensure that when "open space" which can be enjoyed by the public is to be taken by compulsory purchase land of equal advantage to the public should be offered in its place. At the public inquiry in 1979 the land offered in place of the 3.5 acres of Meldon Wood, where the public had a legal right of access, was thought by the inspector not to meet this criterion.

In addition, there was land on East Hill where the public had only *de facto* access and which the inspector found should also be subject to the special parliamentary procedure. No exchange land was offered at the inquiry to replace this.

During the parliamentary recess the CLA has found 22 acres of exchange land which the owner is willing to sell to the Department of Transport. Adding this to the 15.7 acres which the department has also been considering acquiring for this purpose would provide a total of 37.7 acres of exchange land which exceeds all the open space land being taken.

The minister announced on October 23 to Mr Anthony Steen, MP, and others that he was prepared to acquire this land. The public will therefore not lose "open space" for recreation through the construction of the by-pass. Should not the petitioners be content?

Yours faithfully,
A. M. SUTTON-SCOTT-TUCKER,
Chairman, Devon branch,
Country Landowners Association,
Riversbridge, Dartmouth, Devon.
November 14.

Press freedom in USSR

From Mr Hugh Lunghi

Sir, In his article (November 6) on Press freedom each side of the East/West divide Peter Kellner detects "a new freedom to criticise government actions" on the part of Soviet-bloc journalists. He cites an attack on Hungary's health minister in a Hungarian weekly as an example.

There is, in fact, nothing at all new in attacks by Soviet-bloc journalists on individual ministers or even whole ministries. Over a period one can find countless instances, for example, in the Soviet satirical periodical *Krokodil*. Such polemics went on even under Stalin and were indeed encouraged by him.

What was never allowed and is still forbidden, as many Soviet and Soviet-bloc journalists have impressed upon me in private during my many years of personal encounters with them, is to criticise the government, let alone the communist party leaders. In that field censorship is still absolute and is certainly not the "incomplete authoritarianism" Peter Kellner gently describes.

Peter Kellner, I fear, has fallen into the old trap of anticipating a "convergence" of the systems. As Khrushchev would have said, journalism East and West will converge when shrimps learn to whistle. Any Soviet-bloc journalist, even the least orthodox, will tell you there is an unbridgeable gap between the socialist system of journalism and the bourgeois Press. Official spokesmen and published pronouncements make that quite clear in their denunciations of "bourgeois-liberal ideas of freedom".

Soviet-bloc journalists and those from Third World so-called socialist states would find themselves perfectly at home today in the non-existent country described by the Argentinian journalist quoted by Peter Kellner: less so, until recently, even in apartheid-ridden South Africa.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH LUNGHI,
23 Glen Road,
Fleet, Hampshire.
November 7.

Selling the silver

From Mr P. M. Burrows

Sir, The privatisation of British Gas is no more analogous to selling the family silver than is the issue of gilt-edged stock or the sale of premium bonds. In all cases HM Government receives long-term loans for present purposes in return for interest, in the first instance at a variable rate, in the second for a fixed, and in the last, most likely, for none. And the nonconformist conscience would think the institutor of the national lottery in no position to preach moral lessons to Mrs Thatcher!

Yours faithfully,
P. M. BURROWS,
41 Harrison Close,
Reigate, Surrey.

Victorian values

From Mr John Marks

Sir, I wonder whether a survey would show that televising the Commons fell into Mr Tebbit's category of televising bad behaviour?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MARKS,
New Hall,
Old Harlow, Essex.

Airs in the underworld

From Mr George Oglanby

Sir, Mr Kirkpatrick has written to you (November 4) about the acute hearing of the mole and of his discrimination at the sound of Radio 1.

However, if Mr Kirkpatrick grows roses he need not invest in more radios to be buried within their motorway projects. The prickly rose shoot inserted into the centre of several mole hills will be just as effective.

The mole's nose seems to be just as sensitive as his ears.

Yours etc,
GEORGE OGLANBY,
The Walk,
Burton-by-Lincoln, Lincoln.

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 19 1913

Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948) arrived in South Africa in 1893. A year later he founded the Natal Indian Congress. Until he left for India in 1914 he led a campaign of non-violence to draw attention to the wrongs and ordeals suffered by the Indians in the country. Our Correspondent was Maitland Park.

INDIANS IN NATAL.

SERIOUS RIOTING AT LADYSMITH.

DANGER TO SUGAR PLANTATIONS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 18.

The Indian situation in Natal is drifting from bad to worse. The three chief instigators of the passive resistance and strike movement, Messrs. Gandhi, Kallenbach, and Polak, have all with perfect sincerity disavowed any sympathy with methods of violence and intimidation, but the movement, which to be successful involves general commercial and industrial dislocation, is bound to lead to disorder.

The rioting which occurred on the Mount Edgecombe sugar plantation a couple of days ago has now been followed by a serious disturbance at Ladysmith. About 100 coolies at the Elandslaagte collieries, near Ladysmith, had been sentenced a few days ago to seven days' imprisonment for breaking their indentures. On Monday night 1,000 Indians, with their wives and families, arrived at Ladysmith from Elandslaagte, whence they had deserted with the object of making a demonstration in force.

The magistrate at Ladysmith addressed them this morning counselling them to return, and though their general attitude was sullen and resentful, they agreed to return on condition that their fellow miners were released. This was conceded, but on the march to the railway station the liberated coolies, as soon as they got within earshot of their fellows, urged them to break through their escort and defy the authorities.

The result was a general scrimmage in which the mounted police, some 20 in number, were pelted with stones and all manner of missiles, as were also 20 native constables. The European police were unarmed, the natives had sticks, with which they fought desperately. Ultimately the mob of Indians was scattered, but reassembled later in the neighbourhood of an Indian temple, armed with iron standards and other nondescript weapons, and announced their intention not to leave the town unless turned out by force.

Captain Camurada, commanding the police, was slightly injured in the left arm and his horse was badly cut. Some of the rioters and native police also received nasty cuts and bruises, but nothing serious. It is quite clear, however, that the temper of the Indians, which is being excited by less responsible agitators, is rising. The disturbance ended without further rioting. The coolies, overawed by the police, who are now armed with rifles and reinforced by citizens with revolvers and shot guns, were ultimately induced to return to work at Elandslaagte.

The Government has ordered that no force is to be used unless it is absolutely necessary in the interests of maintaining order, but if incidents like this at Ladysmith recur violent collisions are practically inevitable.

THE STRIKE AT DURBAN.

Some 5,000 Indians in Durban in all branches of industry and commerce and Government and municipal and private employment are now on strike, and the movement on the sugar plantations, which until yesterday was confined to the coast belt north of Durban, has now spread to the south. The reports as to cane burning are confused and contradictory. On some estates the coolies have attempted the destruction of the crops, but on others they have refused to listen to incitement, and have even assisted in extinguishing the fires. The strike comes just at a moment when the cane crop, which is worth hundreds of thousands of pounds, is fully matured, and any prolonged delay in its cutting and milling must involve serious loss. . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 18: The President of the French Republic visited The Queen at Buckingham Palace this afternoon.
The Queen held a Council at 6.00pm.
There were present: The Viscount Whitelaw (Lord President), the Lord Cameron of Lochbroom (Lord Advocate), the Right Hon Nicholas Ridley, MP (Secretary of State for Transport), the Right Hon John Wakeham, MP (Parliamentary Secretary, Treasury), the Right Hon the Lord Ross (Lord Justice Clerk) and the Right Hon Sir Ralph Gibson (Lord Justice of Appeal).
The Right Hon the Lord Ross and the Right Hon Sir Ralph Gibson, having been previously appointed Privy Councillors, were sworn in Members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.
Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.
The Viscount Whitelaw had an audience of The Queen before the Council.
The Earl of Airlie (Lord Chamberlain) had an audience of Her Majesty and presented an Address from the House of Lords to which The Queen was graciously pleased to make reply.
KENSINGTON PALACE
November 18: The Prince of Wales today visited British Steel Corporation (Industry) Limited operational areas in Humberside, South Yorkshire and the West Midlands.
His Royal Highness, attended by Major Jack Stenhouse, travelled in the Royal Train.
The Princess of Wales this morning opened the Kenneth Grahame Ward, St Stephen's Hospital, London, SW10.
Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, Mr Victor Chapman and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN were in attendance.
KENSINGTON PALACE
November 18: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, The Order of St John, accompanied by The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon visited the Headquarters, St John Ambulance at 1 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1.
Lt Col Sir Simon Bland and Mrs Howard Page were in attendance.
YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 18: The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the National Society for Cancer Relief, this afternoon visited Trinity Hospice, Clapham Common, London SW4.
Miss Sarah Partridge was in attendance.
The Duke of Kent, vice-chairman, British Overseas Trade Board, will attend the Export Club's annual luncheon on November 27.
The Duke and Duchess of Kent will dine with the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms in St James's Palace on November 27.

Lady Davina Windsor, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, is eight today.

Dame Alicia Markova, President of the London Ballet Circle, will unveil the memorial plaque to *Sir Anton* Dolin at St Paul's, Covent Garden, on Saturday, November 23, at noon.

Birthdays today

Mr Arthur Coleridge, 70; Miss Kathleen Halpin, 82; Professor Anthony King, 51; Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, 65; Dr P. T. Matthews, 66; Dr Gerald Parsons-Smith, 74; Sir Clement Pleass, 84; *Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Porter*, 73; Sir Bernard Scott, 71; Sir Charles Stirling, 84; Professor Margaret Turner-Warwick, 61.



The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, with his portrait by George Bruce, which is to have its first public showing at the opening of the General Synod today.

Church news

The Right Rev A. W. M. Weekes is to be an honorary assistant bishop, diocese of Rochester and an honorary canon of Rochester Cathedral, on his retirement from the Suffragan Bishopric of Gibraltar in Europe.

Other appointments
The Rev S. Barnes, lecturer at Croydon College of Further Education, to be Adviser in Further Education, Church House, Westminster.
The Rev E. H. Beavan, Rector of Sandon, diocese of Chelmsford, to be Vicar of Thorpe Bay, St Augustine, same diocese.
The Rev I. F. Bennett, Birmingham Diocesan Training Officer, to be also an Honorary Canon of Birmingham Cathedral, same diocese.
The Rev B. D. F. T. Brindley, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Reading, diocese of Oxford, to be also an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.
The Rev L. G. Blanchard, Vicar of Ancaster, and Director of Local non-stipendiary ministry, diocese of Lincoln, to be also a Canon of Lincoln Cathedral, same diocese.
The Rev R. K. S. Bracegirdle, Priest-in-charge of St Ignatius, Salford, diocese of Manchester, to be also Honorary Laity Development Officer for the Manchester Archdeaconry.
The Rev W. A. G. Burton, Curate of Durrington, diocese of Chichester, to be Priest-in-charge of Kingston Buci, and on the lifting of the suspension, to become Rector of Kingston Buci, same diocese.
The Rev G. George Bellinger, Vicar of Scotforth, Lancaster, and Rural Dean of Lancaster, diocese of Blackburn, to be also an Honorary Canon of Blackburn Cathedral, same diocese.
The Rev C. W. Calcott-Jones, Assistant Curate (NSM) of Barnes, Holy Trinity, diocese Southwark, to be Assistant Curate of Hykeham, diocese of Lincoln.
The Rev W. G. Challis, formerly lecturer of Ecole Theologique de Matana, diocese of Bujumbura, Burundi, to be Priest-in-charge of Bishopston, diocese of Bristol.
The Rev N. L. Cook, Curate of St Peter, St Nicholas, Leicester, diocese of Leicester, to be Curate of St John the Baptist, Leicester.
The Rev R. Croft, Rector of St Crispin, Whitlington, diocese of Manchester, to be Rector of St Thomas, Heaton Chapel, same diocese.
Canon V. I. Daisy, Canon of Lincoln Cathedral, diocese of Lincoln, to be Canon Emeritus, Lincoln Cathedral.
The Rev L. W. Doolan, Assistant Curate in the High Wycombe Team Ministry, diocese of Oxford, to be Assistant Curate of Woodstock, same diocese.
The Rev J. W. Ellis, Priest-in-charge, of New Clee, diocese of Lincoln, to be Vicar, same parish.
The Rev P. G. P. Farrell, Vicar of St John the Baptist, Leicester, diocese of Leicester, to be also Priest-in-charge of St Michael and All Angels, Knighton, same diocese.
The Rev M. J. Foster, Team Vicar in the Clifton Team Ministry, diocese of Southwell to be Priest-in-charge of St Peter, Quarrendon, to the Parish of St Mary, Aylesbury, diocese of Oxford.
The Rev J. Hamnah, Assistant Curate of St Mary and St John, Kidlington, diocese of Oxford, to be Assistant Curate of St Mary, Finchley, diocese of London.
The Rev R. J. A. Hanson, Vicar of Darnall, diocese of Sheffield to be Priest-in-charge of Conventional District of St Hugh, Southwark, diocese of Southwark.
The Rev P. Hemps, Vicar of St Leonard, Marston Green, diocese of Birmingham, to be Priest-in-charge of Shrawley and Witley with Astley, diocese of Worcester.
Canon A. A. Hershey, Vicar of Braunston with Brooke, diocese of Peterborough, to be Vicar of Lantegios-by-Fowey, diocese of Truro.
The Rev J. Holden, Vicar of St Peter and St Paul, Aston-juxta-Birmingham, diocese of Birmingham, to be also an Honorary Canon of Birmingham Cathedral.
The Rev W. M. Jacob, Selection Secretary, Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry (ACCM), Church House, Westminster, to be Warden of Lincoln Theological College, diocese of Lincoln.
Canon G. Liddiatt, Vicar of St Cuthbert with St Mary, Carlisle, Secretary of Carlisle Diocesan Synod and of the Bishop's Council, and a Honorary Canon of Carlisle Cathedral, diocese of Carlisle, to be Synodal Secretary of the York Convocation.
The Rev P. Kybird, Tutor, Church Missionary Society Training College, Crowther Hall, Birmingham, to be Lay Training Adviser and Priest-in-charge of Wrexy, diocese of Carlisle.
The Rev P. M. Lee, Vicar, of Wragby Group, and Rural Dean of Horncastle, diocese of Lincoln, to be also a Canon of Lincoln Cathedral, same diocese.
The Rev D. Lambert, Priest-in-charge of St Richard, Chichester, diocese of London to be also Priest-in-charge of St Michael's, Cricklewood.
The Rev A. R. Linton, Priest-in-charge of Scorton and Admarsh-in-Bleasdale, with Calder Vale, diocese of Blackburn, to be Rector of Much Hoole, same diocese.
The Rev A. S. Mayers, Vicar of St Paul, Tipton, diocese of Lichfield, to be Vicar of Christ Church, Sutton, diocese of Southwark.
The Rev B. C. Middleton, Chaplain at Fairfield Hospital, diocese St Albans to be Priest-in-charge of Aldborough with Boroughbridge Team Ministry, diocese of Norwich.
The Rev B. Geoffrey Moore, Rector of Standish, diocese of Blackburn, to be also an Honorary Canon of Blackburn Cathedral, same diocese.
The Rev B. C. Osborne, Vicar of Boston, Holy Trinity, diocese of Lincoln, to be also Rural Dean of Holland East, same diocese.
The Rev P. P. Raiss, Senior Selection Secretary, Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry (ACCM), Church House, Westminster, to be Team Rector of Dronam Team Ministry, diocese of Lincoln.
The Rev J. H. Nichol, Vicar of Hawksworth Wood with Moor Grange, diocese of Ripon, to be Vicar of St Wilfrid, Bognor, diocese of Chichester.
Canon D. C. Pain, licensed to officiate diocese of Accra, and Secretary diocese of Accra, to be Priest-in-charge of Brighton St Mary the Virgin, and Keston Town St James, diocese of Chichester.
The Rev. J. M. Pearce, formerly Team Rector of Langley, diocese of Oxford, to be Oxford Diocesan Director of Ordinands.
The Rev M. J. Rennie, Vicar of St Michael at the North Gate with St Martin and All Saints, Oxford, diocese of Oxford, to be also an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral.
The Rev R. Rodger, Vicar of Nocton Group and Rural Dean of Graffoe, diocese of Lincoln, to be also a Canon of Lincoln Cathedral.
The Rev M. Russel, Vicar of South Crosland, diocese of Wakefield, to be also Priest-in-charge of Slaithwaite, same diocese.
The Rev G. N. Shaw, Principal of Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, to be also an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.
The Rev. J. S. Thorold, Rector of Broughton, and Rural Dean of Yarborough, diocese of Lincoln, to be also a Canon of Lincoln Cathedral.
The Rev. J. Thornley, Priest-in-charge of Belton, diocese of Lincoln, to be Vicar, same parish.
The Rev. J. S. Thorold, Vicar of Spilsby Group, diocese of Lincoln, to be Vicar of Sleaford, same diocese.
The Rev T. C. Smyth, Vicar of Christ Church, Wellington, diocese of Lichfield, to be Priest-in-charge of West Wittering, diocese of Chichester.
The Rev D. Geoffrey Smith to be Team Vicar of St George's, Redditch in the Ridge Team Ministry, diocese of Worcester.
The Rev M. R. Ward, Vicar of Bibury with Winson and Barnsley, diocese of Gloucester, to be Vicar of Barkby and Queniborough, diocese of Leicester.
The Rev J. W. G. Whale, Rector of the Riverside Team Ministry, diocese of Oxford, to be also an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.
The Rev J. D. Walmsley, Vicar of St Mary, Selly Oak, diocese of Birmingham, to be also an Honorary Canon of Birmingham Cathedral.
Canon K. A. A. Weston, Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Director of Post Ordination Training, diocese of Norwich, to be also Priest-in-charge of St Stephen's, Norwich.
The Rev R. W. Wagner, Rector of All Saints, Stand, diocese of Manchester, to be also Area Dean of Radcliffe and Prestwich, same diocese.
The Rev P. A. D. Wills, Rector of Dipford and North Hulah with Avonwick Chapel, diocese of Exeter, to be Rector of Dipford, North Huish with Harberton and Harbertonford (new benefice).

Resignations and retirements
Canon J. Cranmer, Canon of Lincoln Cathedral, diocese of Lincoln, resigned on October 22.
Canon W. Browning, Oxford Diocesan Director of Ordinands, resigned on September 30. He continues to be Canon of Christ Church and Director of the Oxford NSM Course.
Canon A. A. Duffield, Team Rector of Scunthorpe Old Brumby Team Ministry, Rural Dean of Manlake and a Canon of Lincoln Cathedral, diocese of Lincoln, to resign as Team Rector, Scunthorpe, Old Brumby Team Ministry, and become Canon Emeritus of Lincoln Cathedral. He remains Rural Dean of Manlake, same diocese.
Miss M. Turner, Oxford Diocesan Adviser for Lay Ministry, to retire on December 31.

Other appointment
Deaconess J. Mount, in pastoral charge of Charlton-on-Otmoor, diocese of Oxford, to be Oxford Diocesan Adviser for Lay Ministry and Oxford Diocesan Assistant Director of Ordinands.
The Baptist Union Council meeting in London has appointed the Rev John Frederick Vernon Nicholson, to be the new General Superintendent of the North Eastern Area of the Baptist Union.

OBITUARY

MARSHAL LON NOL

Former ruler of Cambodia

Marshal Lon Nol, who was nominal ruler of an embattled Cambodia between the overthrow of Prince Sihanouk in March, 1970, and the fall of Phnom Penh to the Khmers Rouges in April, 1975, died in Fullerton, California, on November 17 at the age of 72.

Lon Nol was born on November 13, 1913, into a middle-class family at Kompong Leon in the Prey Veng province of Cambodia. Educated at the Lycée Sisowath in Phnom Penh, he took service under the French colonial administration, was a magistrate at the age of 23 and a provincial governor only nine years later.

At the end of the Second World War he became Chief of the Cambodian National Police, and in the following years, as his master Prince Sihanouk (then King of Cambodia) brought the French to loosen their colonial hold, he took a military command and was appointed governor of Battambang province in 1954. The province is important for its position on the border with Thailand and for the road and rail communications that run through it.

In 1955 Lon Nol succeeded Prince Sisowath Sirik Matak, with whom he was later associated in the overthrow of Sihanouk, as Chief of Staf of the armed forces. By 1969 he was both Commander-in-Chief and Minister of Defence.

During the 1960s it might have been said of him that his interests were so closely linked with those of the Chief of State that each was afraid of the other. Essentially an opportunist war-lord, Lon Nol had risen far in the train of his remarkable and talented leader and drew even more power into his hands as Prime Minister in 1966-67 and then 1st Vice-President in charge of defence 1967-69.

Meanwhile, as the Vietnam War impinged more and more on the frontiers of Cambodia, Sihanouk's own grip began to weaken and in 1970, Lon Nol, since the previous war Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Chief of Staff, took advantage of Sihanouk's absence in France to stage, or at least to open the way for, the coup which the South Vietnamese and agencies of the American government had long been preparing.

The consequent extension of the Vietnam War into Cambodia, long desired by the American military as a cure to their problems in Vietnam, left Lon Nol presiding over an occupied and increasingly ruined country. In January 1971 he suffered a stroke from which he never completely recovered, and which made him more than ever a tool in the hands of his American masters (he became President in 1972).

The figleaf peace settlement of 1973 in Vietnam did nothing to halt insurgency in Cambodia and this, with the termination of American "air support" in the country, soon became widespread insurrection.

By April, 1975, the situation in Phnom Penh had become desperate, as the Khmers Rouges closed in. On April 1, in an attempt to induce them to agree to a negotiated settlement, Lon Nol left the country, but it was to no avail and on April 17 the Khmers Rouges entered the capital.

Lon Nol made his way to Indonesia and from there to Hawaii, where he stayed until 1979. He then settled in California.

Lon Nol had a curiously self-absorbed and secretive personality to which was added a streak of ruthlessness. He was the wrong man even to attempt to make use of the political talent in Cambodia that had been wasted under Prince Sihanouk's one-man rule.

He had a reputation as an administrator and did something to awake the aspirations towards independence of his country; but both his manner and his policies were such as to close all doors to compromise. A good deal of the blame for Cambodia's sufferings might be charged against him.

CANON W. M. LUMMIS

Canon William Murrell Lummis, MC, who died on November 2 at the age of 99, had two careers, as soldier and parson. His two main interests were the Victoria Cross and the Charge of the Light Brigade, and he was a recognised authority on both subjects.

His files on every individual who won the Victoria Cross are housed in the Imperial War Museum, the Ministry of Defence Library and the National Army Museum.

He had spent much time on preparing material for a book on Corporal Schiess, the Swiss who won a VC at Rorke's Drift 1879, but was never able to complete it. However, he wrote a book on another personality who was at Rorke's Drift–Padre George Smith.

When editor of the 11th Hussar Journal before the First World War he had met surviving members of the charge of the Light Brigade and as a result set about collecting information about all those on the strength of the Light Brigade in the Crimea. The result was a book entitled *Honour the Light Brigade* which he produced in collaboration with Gordon Wynn.

It was a record of everyone who had served in the Light Brigade showing who had actually taken part in the charge – an invaluable reference book particularly for medal collectors.

In his 98th year he took part in a BBC television programme, *Timewatch*, when he spoke on his memories of meeting survivors of the charge.

Born at Coddenham, Suffolk on June 4, 1886 he worked as a council clerk until the age of 18 when he enlisted in the 11th Hussars. During the period 1909-14 he was Scoutmaster of troops in Shorncliffe, Cheriton and Aldershot.

By 1914 he was RQMS of the 11th Hussars and went with the Regiment to France where he served throughout the war. In 1916 he was given a regular commission in his county regiment The Suffolk Regiment and served with the 2nd Bn until after the end of the war.

He was awarded the MC as a company commander at Courcelles-le-Comte and Gomiecourt, August 21-23, 1918. He commanded the Battalion in its last engagement at the Battle of the Selle on October 23 when it secured all four of its objectives.

After service in India and this country he retired with the rank of Captain on reaching the age limit in 1930.

In that year he was ordained deacon and started his ministry at St Matthew's, Ipswich, subsequently having livings at Kesgrave and Bungay where he was appointed Rural Dean of South Elmham. In 1955 he was appointed a canon of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

After retirement he went to live at Barnham Broom near Norwich and held appointments at various parishes in the neighbourhood as well as acting as Rural Dean of Higham.

He was Excursion Director of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology from 1934 to 1955 and was Honorary Secretary of the Suffolk Preservation Society from 1937 to 1947.

He married in 1919 Agnes Templeton whom he had first met when she was a schoolgirl at a garrison school in Ireland where he was teaching. She died in 1976.

Their son and daughter both survive him.

MISS HILDA VAUGHAN

Miss Hilda Vaughan, FRSL, who died on November 4 at the age of 93, was a prolific novelist who had also co-authored plays for the stage and television.

She was born in Builth Wells, Breconshire, in 1892 and traced her ancestry to the 17th century mystical poet, Henry Vaughan.

She made her reputation as a writer of novels based on the Welsh borders of Breconshire and Radnorshire, the first being *The Battle of the Weak* published in 1925.

Here are Lovers, *The Invader* and *Her Father's House* followed, increasing the high opinion in which she was held, and in 1932 *The Soldier and the Gentlewoman* firmly established her name.

Two years later *A Thing of Nought*, a long short story, appeared and was hailed by literary critics as a little masterpiece. She continued writing novels for the next twenty-two years.

With Laurier Lister she collaborated on the play *She Too Was Young*, which ran in the West End in 1938, and was later seen on BBC television in 1958. Another of their joint ventures, *Forsaking All Other*, was produced in 1950.

Hilda Vaughan's husband, Charles Morgan, LLD, FRSL, died in 1958. Her two children, Roger, Librarian, House of Lords since 1977, and Shirley, the Marchioness of Anglesey, DBE, survive her.

MR G. W. ODEY

Mr George William Odey, CBE, who died on October 16 at the age of 85, was Conservative Member of Parliament for the Howdenshire division of East Yorkshire from 1947 to 1950 and for the Beverley division of the East Riding from 1950 to 1955.

Educated at Faversham Grammar School and University College, London, he was president of the college Union in 1921-22 and the University Union in 1922.

He joined the tanning firm of Barrow, Hepburn and Gale in 1925, went on the board in 1929 and was appointed managing director in 1933. He was chairman of the Barrow Hepburn Group from 1937 to 1974 and at his death was honorary president.

He was a freeman of Beverley and a Deputy Lieutenant for Humberside.

Professor Albert Messervy, Professor of Veterinary Surgery at the University of Bristol from 1953 to 1973 and after that Professor Emeritus, died on November 15 at the age of 77.

Correction

The obituary of Miss Gladys Hogg published on October 26 should have said that Lawrence Demmy won the International Skating Union's ice dance competition with Jean Westwood, not with Joan Dewhirst.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. C. F. Barnett
and Miss D-A. Ackerman

The engagement is announced between Clive, only son of Mr and Mrs D. C. *Barnett, of North Leigh*, Oxfordshire, and Debby-Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Ackerman, of Houston, Texas, United States.

Mr J. Cashdan
and Miss S. D. Roseman

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs David Cashdan, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ivan *Roseman, of Cambridge*.

Dr R. A. Grünewald
and Miss S. H. Penney

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr *and Mrs H. S. Grünewald*, of Pinner, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. J. Penney, of Sherborne, Dorset.

Mr J. S. Morrall
and Miss E. S. M Wolf

The engagement is announced *between Stephen, elder son of Dr* and Mrs E. John Morrall, of Durham City, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Ernest S. Wolf, of Winnetka, Illinois.

Mr P. T Rose
and Miss S. J. Herbert

The engagement is announced between Paul Telfer, youngest son *of Mr and Mrs Ian Rose*, of Hampstead, London, and Sara Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Herbert, of Cyncoed, Cardiff.

Mr N. W. Speakman
and Miss R. A. Wilson

The engagement is announced between Nigel, only son of Mr and *Mrs D. W. Speakman, of Auckland*, New Zealand, and Rosemary (Rosi), second daughter of Brigadier and Mrs James Wilson, of 10 Merchiston Avenue, Edinburgh.

University news

Oxford

Elections
Speaker's Lectureship in biblical studies: Phillip S Alexander, MN, DPhil, Naiman Lecturer in Post-Biblical Jewish Studies, Manchester University (for three years from October 1986).
Winter Williams Commonwealth studentships in law 1986: J P Beer, Wadham College; Winter Williams law prize 1986: D A Foxton, Magdalen College. Gladstone memorial prize: C A Jones, Lincoln College, and A J Olechnowicz, Jesus College.
H W C David prize 1985: D Bogler, University College. J R Lock, Magdalen College. C C Lockwood, Merton College. Sophie Smallwood prize in Paediatrics 1985: Mrs G M Lockwood, Lincoln College, and K E Morrison, Magdalen College. Geoffrey Rhodes commemorative bursary 1985: E J Harland, St Edmund Hall.
MERTON COLLEGE
Postmastership: D J Green, formerly of Whitgift S; R W Grime, formerly of Llandilloes HS; C H Richardson, commoner, formerly of Rugbys; A C Kaldor, exhibitioner, formerly of Hitchen Girls; exhibition A C Pinsent, commoner, formerly of Charters Comps.
WADHAM COLLEGE
Scholarship: J F Green, formerly of Whitgift S; R W Grime, formerly of Halsey S, Hemel Hempstead; H-C J Liao, formerly of King's Coll, Hong Kong; C M Shreve-Kline, formerly of Goldsmith's Coll; C Stonehouse, formerly of Westlands H S Congleton; S N S Yip formerly of Diocesan Boys' Hong Kong.
CHRIST CHURCH
Scholarships: S A Ellis, commoner, formerly of Oxford HS for Girls; Z Hassan, commoner, formerly of Roundhay Tech Coll; S M Herbert, commoner, formerly of Wycombe Abbey S; R R Johnson, commoner, formerly of School of S Helen and S Katharine, Abingdon; N A Pughe, commoner, formerly of The Blue Coat S, Liverpool; T D Wolfenden, exhibitioner, formerly of Roundwood Park S, Harpenden.
Exhibitions: D J Gallimore, commoner, formerly of Bradford Coll; D M McQuillan, commoner, formerly of Millfield S. Holford exhibition: D A Butcher, commoner, formerly of Charterhouse.
LINCOLN COLLEGE
Fellow and Bursar from July 1, 1986: A K Trossell, MA (Lincoln), DPhil (Nuffield).
QUEEN'S COLLEGE
Honorary fellowship: A J Brown, MA, DPhil, emeritus professor of economics, Leeds University.
BRASENOSE COLLEGE. Open exhibition in biochemistry: O J Hamacombe, commoner, formerly of Rendcomb Coll, Cirencester; open scholarships in chemistry: M Harris, commoner, formerly of Vandyke Upper S, Leighton Buzzard; R Mullan, commoner, formerly of Carmel S, Wimborne; J H Wilson, commoner, formerly of Charterhouse S.
Open scholarship in engineering: J V Bacon, commoner, formerly of Thurston Upper S, Bury St Edmunds; open exhibition in English: T Taylor, commoner, formerly of Manchester GS; open scholarship in modern languages: M Treveyan, exhibitioner, formerly of Manchester GS.
Open scholarships in physics: D Bate, exhibitioner, formerly of Peter Symonds Coll, Winchester; R A A Franks, commoner, formerly of Exeter Coll; open exhibition in physics: N Bingham, commoner, formerly of Weston Favell Upper S, Northampton; Open scholarship in PPE: C B Rycroft, exhibitioner, formerly of Malvern Coll; open exhibitions in PPE: C Berrett, commoner, formerly of The Skinners' S, Tunbridge Wells; K S Sparks, commoner, formerly of the Lick of Chicago.
SOMERVILLE COLLEGE. Hughes Exhibition in law: S V Bright, formerly of the King's S, Ely. Domett exhibition in English, formerly of the Queen's S, Chester. Coombs exhibition in physics: R E Jenkinson, formerly of Cottingham HS, N Humberside.
WORCESTER COLLEGE. Scholarships: L R Dowell, commoner, formerly of Richard Hale S, Hertford; M H Edwards-Evans, commoner, formerly of Eastbourne Coll. Choral scholarship: M R Todd, commoner, formerly of Exeter S.
ST JOHN'S COLLEGE
Scholarships: Chemistry: M A Cove, PPE: A R Dawtrey, English: D A Fletcher, chemistry: K R Long, geography: N J Simpson, chemistry: N Waters, physics: D I Whiteley, engineering science: S Wiltshire, chemistry.
ST PETER'S COLLEGE
Domus scholarships: P J Atkinson, commoner, formerly of King Edward VII Coll, Coalville, Leicester, engineering science: P A Eacott, commoner, formerly of Aylesbeare CS, Exeter; M C Jameson, commoner, formerly of St Ewast Sbth Form Coll: domus BP exhibition: N J Hodson, commoner, formerly of Marlborough S.
Prizes: Carl Albert award: T J Hollowood, physics, scholar of the college, and C T M Ng, English, establishment's Sutton prize 1985: M C Jameson, PPE, commoner. Leonard Theberge essay prize 1985: P M Hensher, Lady Margaret Hall, and A E M Williams exhibition: I E Mackenzie, formerly of St Philip's VI Form Coll, Birmingham; Mackay exhibition: I L Smith, formerly of Highgate St; Clarence Bourne exhibition: R Stamper, formerly of Trinity S, Leamington Spa; Reynolds exhibition: D W Temkys, formerly of Tonbridge S.
ALL SOULS COLLEGE
Fellowships by examination: S Grover (Trinity College); T W Child (Wadham College).

Cambridge
DARWIN COLLEGE
Dr J H R Love, of Monash University (Dudley fellow in bibliography for 1986/1987) has been elected into a visiting fellowship.

Durham
Appointments
Mr J S Roper to be chairman of the board of studies in computer science from August 1.
Dr J L A Roche to be chairman of the board of studies in music from October 1.
Phillip Mars to the chair of electronics in the school of engineering and applied science from January 1, 1986.
David Greer to the chair of music from October 1, 1986.
Julian Besag to the chair of statistics in the department of mathematical sciences from October 1.
Readers
G H Blake (geography of the Middle East): D G Pocock (humanistic geography) both from October 1.
Lecturers
B J Cornelius, BSc, MSc (computer science): C S Frank, BSc, PhD (astronomy) both from January 1, 1986.

Keele
Appointments
Lecturers: B M Bailey (geology) from October 1; Marion R Jones (district nursing) from September 1.
Grants
British Telecom: £70,230 to Dr A Branthwaite to study the work of British Telecom public liaison panels.
ICI: £46,220 to Professor R Catlow for a computational study of reaction pathways in zeolites.
Amersham International: £66,186 to Dr D V Griffiths, department of chemistry (supplementary grant).
Department of the Environment: £56,087 (with Durham University) to Dr N Kusmir, department of geology (supplementary grant).

Science report

New work sheds light on MS cause

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The possibility that multiple sclerosis may be connected with a virus infection is suggested in a paper published this week. The cause of the disease continues to baffle doctors. In spite of intensive research scientists have failed to find any significant clue as to why some centres of the brain and the main nerve fibres of the body start to degenerate.

The suspicion that a viral-type infection could be implicated gained ground more than 40 years ago. It was believed to be the explanation for the occurrence for the first time of cases of multiple sclerosis on the Faroe Islands. The cases appeared after British troops were garrisoned there in the 1940s. In the following years more than a dozen viruses have been suggested as possible agents that trigger the condition. One fairly widely held view is that some people are at risk if infected because of a genetic predisposition to the disorder.

The latest findings implicate a virus yet to be isolated, but which when located should belong to the family of human T-cell lymphotropic retroviruses. Although the results are suggestive, and a long way from conclusive, the findings are attracting a lot of attention among research groups because of the origin of the investigations.

The paper published in *Nature* comes from a team working with *Dr Hilary Koprowski of the* Wistar Institute, Philadelphia, and Dr Robert Gallo, of the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, and the head of the American team which isolated the Aids virus.

Their collaborators, who include doctors from the departments of neurology at the University Hospital, Lund, in Sweden, and University of Miami School of Medicine, Florida, have international reputations.

Their conclusions about the type of virus involved in multiple sclerosis included studies on two widely separated populations. One was in Sweden, traditionally an area with a comparatively high incidence of the disorder: 5.3 per 100,000 people, with a female-male ratio of 1.5 to 1.6, and a peak age of onset of 20-39 years of age.

The second sample was at Key West, Florida, which has a population of 26,450 and has only recently become a risk area. Although the first recorded case was diagnosed 57 years ago at Key West, it was not until 1981 that an unusual prevalence of the illness was suspected.

Samples of blood serum and *spinal fluid from people from these* areas have been examined in the laboratory. One of the screening tests looked for the type of antibodies and other molecules which the body would produce to attempt to combat T-lymphotropic types of infections. The analyses were positive, but the characteristics of the agents had properties that suggested that a new member of the family of retroviruses was implicated.

Source: *Nature*, **Vol 318 No 6042 p154-160. 1985.**

Sale room

Old Master portraits spring surprises

By Huon Mallalieu

Sales of Old Master paintings and drawings held by Sotheby's and Christie's in Amsterdam *are generally rather quiet affairs*, but in a modest way they can do well, and they can also produce their surprises. For instance, *most people would probably* have assumed that David Bailly was a photographer. In fact he was an early seventeenth century Dutch draughtsman producing pen nd ink portraits in the manner of Van Dyck or Rubens. Yesterday in Amsterdam Christie's took Dfl. 87,000 (£20,714) for a circular portrait of a girl dated 1629 by him (*estimate Dfl. 18,000 to* Dfl. 26,000), and a further Dfl. 58,000 (£13,809) for a rectangular portrait of a young man (estimate Dfl. 9,000 to Dfl. 13,000).

Both drawings went to dealers from London, and one of them, Baskett & Day, paid the top price of the sale, Dfl. 162,400 (£38,666) for a chalk *and brown ink and wash* drawing of a nude and embracing couple in the Mannerist style by another comparatively obscure figure, Jan Harmensz. Muller (estimate Dfl. 35,000 to Dfl. 44,000). The sale of drawings produced a total of Dfl. 1,169,210 (£278,383) with 12 per cent bought in.

The leading lot in the *paintings* sale held y Sotheby's yesterday was by Jan Steen, and it showed a party outside a village inn, with casualties being removed by ferry. This sold to a private German buyer at Dfl. 506,000 (£119,905). The *painting had a long* sale room history, including a Duke of Leeds and a Prince Borghese in the twentieth century provenance.

This sale also included a portrait of a philosopher by *Juseppe* Ribera, known as Spagnoletto, who was working in the first half of the seventeenth century. The aged academic in a battered leather jacket went to a Swiss collector at Dfl.172,500 (£40,877). At a much lower financial level the Amsterdam Historisch Museum paid Dfl.29.900 (£7,085) for a charming, if somewhat naive, *portrait of a little girl and a dog* painted in 1817 by Adriaan de Lelie. This had been expected to make between Dfl.6,000 and *Dfl.* 8,000. The sale *made a* total of Dfl.2,379,235 (£563,800) with 24 per cent bought in.

Sotheby's sale of Oriental manuscripts on Friday of this week has lost much of its meat, since a large part of it, the collection of Arabic medical manuscripts formed by the Lebanese Dr Haddad (1890-1957) has been sold by private treaty to the Wellcome Foundation. The price agreed was *apparently in excess of the* £77,000 which, it was estimated, the collection would make at auction.

Luncheons

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of M Francois Mitterrand, President of France.
The other guests included:
M Roland Dumas, M Paul Quilès, M Pierre Joxe, Mme Edith Cresson, M Jean Auroux, M Hubert Curien, Mme Catherine Lalumière, the French Ambassador, M Jean Louis Bianco, M Jacques Attali, M Michel Vauzelle, M Hubert Vedrine, Mme Elisabeth Guigou, M Daniel Bernard, M François Plaisant, M Pierre Morel, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, Mr Leon Brittan, QC, MP, the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, Mr Michael Heseltine, MP, the Hon Nicholas Ridley, MP, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, MP, Sir Geoffrey Pattie, MP, Sir Robert Armstrong, Sir John Fretwell, Mr D M D Thomas, Mr David Williamson, Mr Bernard Ingham and Mr Charles Powell.

Ministry of Defence
The Chief of the Defence Staff, Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse, was host yesterday at a luncheon at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, in honour of General Jin Kwon Chung, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Republic of Korea.

Scriveners' Company
The Lord Mayor was presented with a quill pen by the Scriveners' Company yesterday and, with the Lady Mayoress and Mr Alderman and Sheriff and Mrs C. Collett, was a guest speaker at a luncheon held afterwards at the Mansion House. The Master, *Mr J. P. B.* Brooke-Little, Norroy and Ulster King of Arms, presided and the other speakers were Sir Colin Cole, Garter Principal *King of Arms*, and Dame Mary Donaldson.

Institute of Ophthalmology
A luncheon was held yesterday at Connaught Hall, University of London, after the installation of Mr Francis M. Cumberlege, as a Fellow of the Institute of Ophthalmology, by Professor Norman Ashton. Among the guests were:
Lady Duke-Elder, Sir John and Lady Gatch, Sir David and Lady Innes Williams, Lady Milner-Barry, Mr C F Smith, Dr and Mrs J R Stewart, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Wood, Mr R K Black, and Mr F C Keegan.

Dinners

HM Government
Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens, at a dinner in honour of the Danish Foreign Minister, Mr Uffe Ellemann-Jensen.

United Oxford and Cambridge University Club
Cardinal Godfried Danneels, Archbishop of Malines-Brussels, was the guest of honour at a discussion dinner held last night at the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club, Pall Mall. The chairman of the club, Mr Michael Kaye, presided. The cardinal was accompanied by the Bishop of London. The subject of the evening's discussion was the church's relationship to the world.

Girls' Schools Association
The annual dinner of the Girls' Schools Association was held last *night at the Moat House* International, Stratford-upon-Avon. The guests included Lady Johnston, Mrs James Prior, the Hon Lady Waley-Cohen, Sir David Hancock and the Right Rev Vernon Nicholls.
Mrs Margaret Spurr, Headmistress of Bolton School, girls' division, will succeed Mrs Anne Mustoe, Headmistress of *St Felix* School, as the next president of the association.

Latest wills

Afton, Mr Richard Lord, of Palm Beach, Florida, a BBC television producer from 1947 to 1965, who created the TV Toppers dancing troupe, left estate in England and Wales valued at £288,359 net.
Dunkley, Mr Philip Parker, of West Peckham, near Tonbridge, Kent, chairman and chief executive of Mitchell Cotts since 1982 left estate valued at £398,905 net.
Gatward, Shirley Eileen, of London N13 ..... £1,779,307.
Fisher, Mr Bryan Westcott, of Hadfield, Derbyshire £880,290.
Milnes Coates, Lady Celia Hermione, of York, late of Helperby. £185,646.

Funeral

Lady Avice Spicer
Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present at *the funeral yesterday* of Lady Avice Spicer held at the Church of St Nicholas, Bromham, near Devizes, Wiltshire. The Rev R. Glyn Brown officiated and the Earl of Erroll read the lesson. Others present included:
Earl and Countess De La Warr, the

COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

Hold-up in US demand to check UK exports

By Matthew May

The Government is still undecided whether to allow officials of the United States government to visit British companies to check if any militarily useful products are being sold to communist countries.

Paul Channon, Minister of Trade, said last week that the Government was still considering whether to agree to the proposed visit by the officials and, if so, on what terms.

The Department of Trade and Industry has denied reports that Britain would agree to the US audit on British soil if the handful of companies initially concerned would agree. The idea of US government inspectors touring Britain and descending on British companies to examine their books is controversial and raises the question of whether US regulations would be superceding British law.

Britain is a member of CoCom – the Paris-based co-ordinating committee that supervises high technology exports to communist countries and has its own restrictions on such exports with the Export of Goods (Control) Act 1985.

Britain has had a special customs investigation team, Project Arrow, for the past year to investigate the smuggling of high technology equipment.

The request for such a visit has the implicit assumption that the US does not consider Britain's current controls sufficient to prevent dubious exporting practices. US pressure has been evident in cases where computer smugglers have been brought to court.

In July the US Department of Commerce introduced a licensing scheme with the aim of ensuring that US companies allowed to sell high technolgy abroad would sell to trustworthy companies only. Checking that these companies are only selling to the right sort of customer is the reason for the proposed UK visit.

British companies are under no legal obligation to accept the proposed inspection but could feel a refusal would result in their US supplies being cut off.

Last week, the Liberal MP, Paddy Ashdown, wrote to the Attorney General, Sir Michael Havers, asking for the issue of extra-territorial policing to be taken up at the highest level.

Is the next stop GA Glen?

The end of the silicon era seems at hand and the dawn of the epoch of gallium arsenide in sight. The translation from one to the other is already under way and there is plenty of evidence of the emerging change. Since silicon is to the information technology revolution what steam power was to the industrial revolution, the trend is intriguing.

But perhaps one of the most significant manifestations lies in negotiations between the nationalized French electronics group, Thomson, and GEC in Britain, to collaborate on research leading to a microprocessor twice as powerful as the latest microchips. The new device would be a 64-bit microprocessor (the current best design is a 32-bit chip) and it is a prime candidate as a key item of technology for support under the Eureka programme.

Even more important, the advanced microprocessor would herald the new era for the European microelectronics industry because it would be based on gallium arsenide technology.

But why should a synthetic compound such as gallium arsenide, which was first used in expensive special purpose electronic devices more than 20 years ago, be a usurper to silicon?

The advantages of gallium arsenide, outlined below, have prompted a number of new companies, particularly in the United States, to begin development work in the technology. At a recent meeting of the technical consultancy, SRI International, called to review the state of the art, Ken Taylor, one of the organization's electronics advisers, warned that there were indications of too many "start-up" companies in gallium arsenide technology that did not understand its implications.

THE WEEK

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

Outlining the experience of GEC Research Laboratories, in making and using gallium arsenide, or GaAs, devices, Dr Joseph Barnard indicated the advantages in the future systems combining optical components.

Allowing for the immense advantages GaAs will have in optoelectronic systems, it will not sweep away its silicon cousin. For a start it is too expensive. Whereas silicon, found in sand, is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen, gallium forms less than 0.01 per cent of the elements in the planet's crust.

The most practical source of the element is as a by-product of aluminium making. And the half of the GaAs molecule, arsenic, is either mined or extracted as a by-product of lead or copper refining.

But the material has an orchestra of talents:

- Electrons can be moved around three to six times faster than in silicon.
- It can be simulated to emit light, and silicon cannot.
- The sun's energy is absorbed more efficiently than by silicon, making possible better solar cells.
- The processing of both light and electronic data can be combined on the same chip.
- More circuits could probably be squeezed on to a chip than with silicon.
- It can process high frequency signals that silicon can not handle.

There is no single technical advance that makes the production of high quality GaAs chips an easier thing to do this year than was possible last.

But there is a "technological pull" from the design of even faster and higher capacity supercomputers of the future that is propelling gallium arsenide along.

15 million crusaders linked by Telecom

By Frank Brown

British Telecom International is creating the world's largest satellite sound and vision network, with the latest computer-based communications technology. Seven satellites around the world will be used to send and receive live and recorded television transmissions between a control centre in London and 93 locations in 52 countries.

The network is being set up for Explo 85, a vast inter-continental evangelical congress, that will link 15 million Christians throughout the world from December 28 to 31, to train would-be missionaries.

Explo 85 is organized by Campus Crusade for Christ, an inter-denominational missionary organization, which claims the event will be the world's first inter-continental conference using satellites.

"Linking Christians by satellite will cost one-eighth of that for an international congress in one major location", says John Arkell, UK director of Campus Crusade.

As part of the overall responsibility for controlling and managing the communications side of the project, BTI has been responsible for booking the satellite channels, arranging local links in every country, and advising local representatives on technical and environmental requirements.

Mike Ford, BTI's chief executive for International Business Services, said: "BTI has been in the driving seat for the organization of global satellite networks for events like the Olympics, the World Cup, the recent Live Aid concert, and major political summit conferences for the past 15 years, but this is the biggest yet."

Highlights of Explo 85 activities from around the world will be relayed to British Telecom's satellite earth stations at Goonhilly, Cornwall, and Madely, Herefordshire, and sent to BT's Limehouse studios in London's East End via the Telecom Tower.

At Limehouse, the highlights will be edited and intercut with a live studio element to form a two-hour programme which will be beamed to the seven satellites for reception at each of the 93 locations.

The location for Explo 85 in Britain will be the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham.



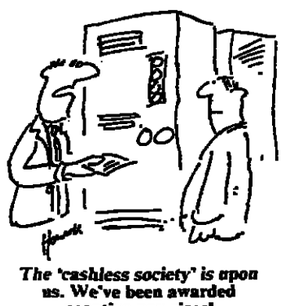
Eddy Frankland, from BT (right), with John O'Keefe, managing director of Limehouse studios which will handle pictures and sound from BT's largest satellite network

Cash problems with computer systems

■ Banks are suffering an embarrassing series of problems with their computer systems. The Midland Bank, for example, has had to delay plans for Saturday opening until next year because of reliability problems with a new automatic cash dispenser system. And Barclays' computers controlling its cash dispenser network broke down again on November 9 for the third time in three months leaving customers in the south of England unable to get cash.

The banks' automated clearing system (BACS) is also suffering. Organizations with IBM equipment have problems joining BACS data transmission service because of the method of connection.

Earlier this month the Woolwich building society blamed the high costs of making its computer systems compatible as one reason for stopping its planned merger with the Nationwide.



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COMPUTER BRIEFING

Pirate amnesty

■ Stopping the illicit copying of computer software seems impossible. Just as in the audio and video fields, while an attempt can be made to prevent organized piracy, it is not feasible to try to stop individuals from taking a copy of a program from friends or colleagues.

The software firm Micropro has taken the unusual step of announcing what it describes as an amnesty for users of pirate copies of its word processing program, Wordstar. For a fee of £40 those involved can, Micropro says, "ensure that they will not be prosecuted"

Although few such users are likely to fear a knock on the door from the police the payment will give them the right to support any updates from Micropro.

Texas is toppled

■ The Japanese company NEC has toppled Texas Instruments as the largest seller of semiconductors, according to a survey by the American market research consultancy Integrated Circuit Engineering. Despite the slump in semiconductor sales Japanese manufacturers have maintained growth while American companies sales have fallen.

Five of the top 10 semiconductor companies are Japanese. Texas Instruments are in second place followed by Hitachi, Motorola and Toshiba. One quarter of Japanese production is sold inside Japan.

DP awards

■ The First Data Processing Manager of the Year award has gone to Neville Nicholson who works for the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Mr Nicholson, who has worked for the bank for eight years, won the award for completing an information systems project within six months against strong adverse feeling from some of his senior management. He changed the computer strategy to meet the bank's new business objectives.

Second prize went to David Olphin, of MGM Assurance, for demonstrating a flexible approach in a long conversion from ICL equipment to IBM. John Peer, of MEM, won third prize for reducing his budget from £750,000 to £350,000 during a period when the company had severe business problems.

Ignoring demand

■ Despite demand by customers for software that will work across a wide range of personal computers, thereby ensuring an adequate choice for owners of different brands, some companies are still designing software deliberately to run on only one brand of machine.

Digital Research, for example, has designed a version of its Gem operating software to run only on the IBM PC. Because of the vast number of IBM-compatible micros available, sold precisely on their ability to run IBM software, Digital has had to take a novel approach to ensure true incompatibility. The program concerned looks for the letters IBM contained in a copyright message on one of the chips in an IBM. But one competitor, Victor Technologies, has discovered that by including the words "isn't IBM" in a chip for its personal computers the program will work.

S. African appeal

■ The falling value of the rand currency in South Africa has meant local prices for personal computers here have become increasingly attractive to other countries. IBM UK has now asked its British authorised dealers not to import IBM personal computers after offers to retailers by South African computer dealers of IBM PCs at considerably less than the official UK price.

Dealers who succumb could face having their dealerships withdrawn, IBM, says and points out that warranties issued in South Africa will not be valid in Britain.

Read the small print to cut risks

By William Jacot

Partly as a result of legal complications and partly due to rumblings of discontent among computer users, the maintenance contract is now undergoing increasingly vigorous scrutiny.

A close examination of these contracts, which have so often gone through on the nod in the wake of hardware and software contracts, reveals that some of them contain unacceptable risks

The most recent survey, in *Which Computer?* magazine, quoted several contracts which were to the disadvantage of the user with little or no protection against failure. It highlighted certain suppliers whose terms tied the user to a lifetime contract with, in return, only promises of "best endeavour" support.

Computer users are apparently not only signing away their rights in contracts covering minimum periods of more than five years for inadequately defined services, but complaining of chronic inefficiencies when faults occur.

The spread of new independent maintenance companies and the growth of micro distributors have compounded the problems to the extent that there are calls for parliamentary action.

In the early days of computing, when the equipment was bought to be programmed by the customer's own staff, the maintenance contract was an important schedule to the main contract.

As computer equipment over the years became more reliable and software houses took over the system building, the software contract assumed greater significance in that it concerned the delivery of working products within a timescale.

Maintenance contracts faded in importance until they became almost a formality overshadowed by thhe contracts for equipment and software purchase. The wheel has turned and maintenance contracts now demand as much attention as for those for hardware and software.

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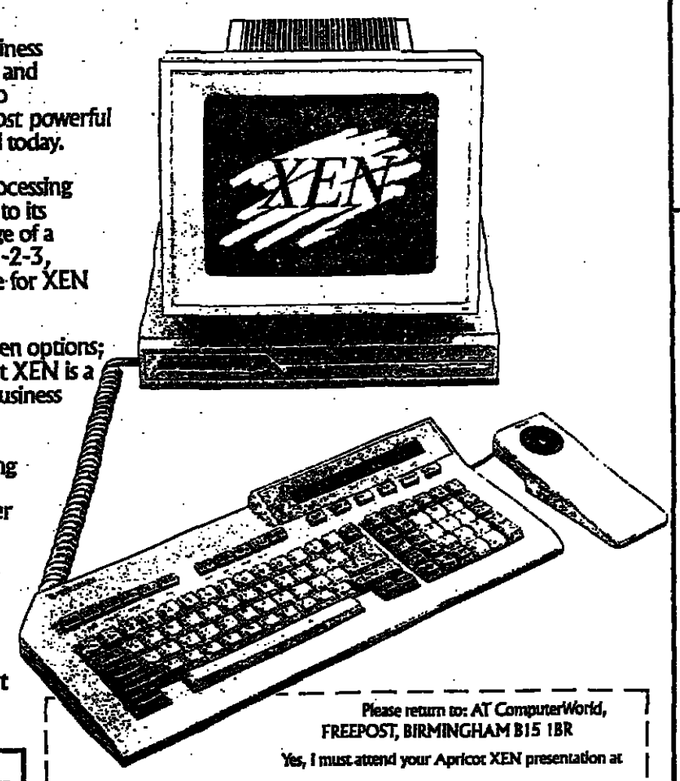
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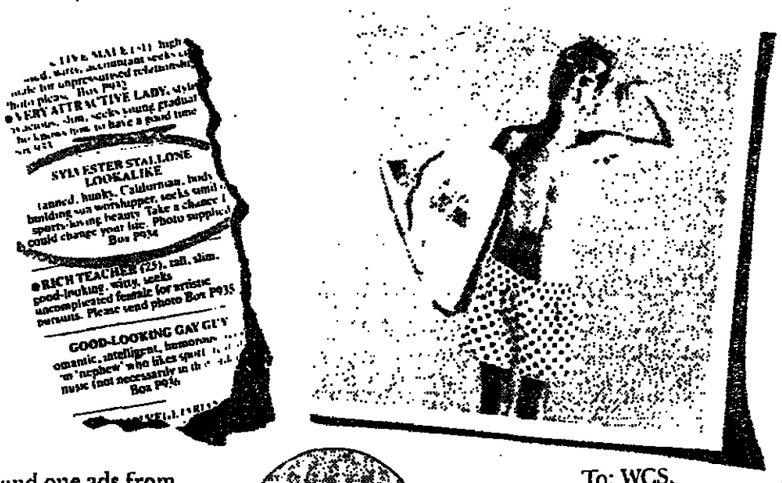
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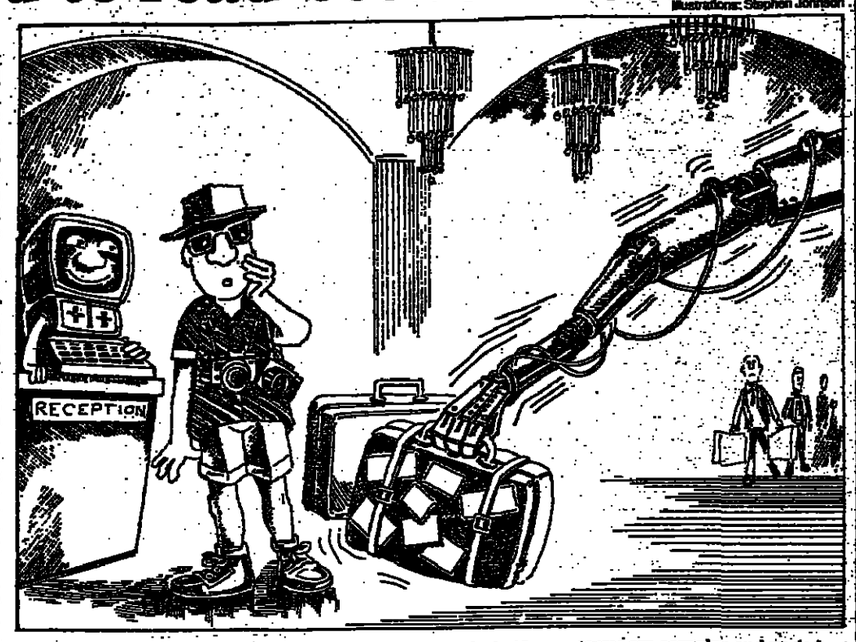
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COMPUTER HORIZONS/2

The need to read between the lines

Illustrations: Stephen Johnson



By Maggie McLeming

It would be unrealistic to expect any software package to fulfil all of a company's business needs. But people do. They are quickly, or more often slowly, disappointed, when the product proves less elastic than the brochure implied, or the system less friendly than it appeared with the dealer's hands on the keyboard.

Much of the blame can be placed on media hype surrounding the "productivity" of spreadsheet, database and word processing programs for use on personal computers. But there is a world of difference between running a word processing programme and loading up a stock control system from scratch, especially when the latter involves adapting existing manual routines. That realization regenerated the customization business that most suppliers expected to have died out by the mid-1980s.

Setting up a computer system is never cheap, even in the micro area. Companies often underestimate the cost and effort involved, which may exceed the price of the system.

"To establish a database requires management to commit their business to acquire, to store and to verify information that can easily cost 50p per record; making a 50,000 record database worth something like £25,000. This is likely to be more than the value of a stand-alone micro and our software put together," said Peter Laurie, managing director of Southdata, whose company has supplied the Superfile package to more than 2,500 customers.

Most businesses, however, now have at least some experience of computers and are becoming more discerning and realistic about their expectations. Thorn EMI subsidiary EPS Consultants supplies one of the more expensive financial planning packages, Micro-FCS, and has found that customers have started to take a long-term view in buying.

"A software package may appear to meet the needs of a novice user at a cursory glance but it is the more highly developed and fully supported products that win the loyalty of customers in the long term. Buyers are beginning to understand that a software package costs a great deal more than its purchase price.

"If the executive time and data processing resources that are put into an application are measured within the total cost of getting the application running and subsequently maintained, it will soon be realized that the initial purchase price is often minimal in the whole equation. Paying more for your initial investment is often a far better business decision", said Mary Short, marketing manager of EPS Consultants.

Paying more is something that a growing number of companies, either to obtain a tighter-fitting general business system or to acquire a package containing features unique to their industry or profession, are prepared to do.

Last year, British companies spent £600 million on packages: 65 per cent of this on systems software, and the remainder on applications. Of the remaining 25 per cent half was invested in wide ranging applications such as accounting, and half on vertical market software, aimed at a specific industry.

But spending on in-house data processing staff (excluding micro installations) still came to £2,800 million, of which 35 per cent was spent on new developments, according to research by PA Consultants. So the package does not yet rule, and there is still room to be different if companies are prepared to pay the price.

Demand for bespoke software is generally considered to be declining, but companies in this field have never been busier. Wilkins Computer Systems, for example, has an order book for systems worth almost £3 million over the coming year. Wilkins said there has been a great resurgence of bespoke work because micros in particular had been presented as the panacea of software, and this was untrue.

In some industries or professions there is no choice but to buy a specialist product, or have a system specially written. The hotel industry is a good example of a "vertical" market sector whose needs in software terms are complex and varied.

This has proved a field in which software suppliers have had to be resilient to survive. Just over a year ago, there were 27 companies in the field, today there are still about 23.

As a rule of thumb, how much businesses are prepared to spend on computing depends on how information intensive their industry is. Companies in the financial sector, for example, are prepared to put between 10-15 per cent of their turnover into computing, while those in manufacturing value it far lower, at 2 to 3 per cent of turnover, according to PA Consultants.

Despite the buoyancy of the non-standard business systems market, the number of customized products sold is likely to decrease in the future, said Mike Rappaport, development director of PA Computers and Telecommunications.

"In five to ten years time, there will not be the market for highly-priced specialist packages. Instead, there will be general suites of programmes, with tools to tailor them to specific needs," he said.

Why reading the small print cuts risks

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What warranties should a maintenance contract contain?

A close definition of the service to be provided with schedules describing the equipment covered and the timescales for response and contractual periods are the framework of a successful contract.

It is the pre-agreement of the supplier's response to systems failures that is of prime interest to the user besieged by angry and frustrated departments denied essential operational information.

The user must be satisfied that in the event of the equipment failing in part, then that part will be replaced if it cannot be repaired on site. In the event of a serious breakdown involving more than one part, the total system should be replaced without question or unnecessary delay.

Companies with computers astride their total operation cannot afford to wait for the replacement or repair of a part.

The maintenance contract should be referred to in the main contract, especially relating to system failure. The failure rate of computer systems is high enough to insist that there should be a penalty clause ensuring the return of all payments made for equipment, software and support should the objectives set for the system not be met within an acceptable timescale.

Maintenance matters, and so do the contractural terms on which it is used. Until industry standards are adopted or enforced, the buyer should read the small print with his own protection in mind.

● *William Jacot is president of the Association of Computer Consultants.*

Robots with macho muscle

By Richard Pawson

The viability of human-like robots, or androids, has come one step closer with the development of a remarkable new substance called Biometal. It will not help in the problem of creating an artificial brain, but it can equip robots with muscles as efficient as biological tissue.

Biometal – a trademark of the Japanese Toki Corporation – is the latest product of research into memory metal technology. Memory metals – properly known as shape memory alloys – exploit the uncanny property of certain crystaline structures to remember a physical shape.

No matter how much a section of memory metal is bent or distorted, the application of heat will restore it to its original shape.

Memory metals were first discovered in the 1960s and in common with lasers, they have been unkindly branded as an invention looking for a need. Most existing applications are somewhat mundane – from mechanisms for opening greenhouse windows when a certain temperature is reached, to steam-activated switches for electric kettles.

The common factor is that all these devices rely on external heating to generate the change in shape.

Biometal, which is an alloy of titanium and nickel, can be heated internally by means of an electric current. This opens up the possibility of direct control from a micro-computer, without any interpreting mechanisms.

This has been graphically demonstrated by Hitachi, which has developed a robot hand featuring jointed digits and an opposing thumb. Like the original model, the muscles are located in the forearm and linked by tendons to the fingers.

Each muscle consists of a bundle of fine memory metal fibres – and arrangement that produces faster response than a single, thicker wire.

But why spend so much effort trying to mimic human geometry? Is there some metaphysical reason why this is the optimum design? The explanation is simple – most facets of our everyday environment, from the shape of door handles to the height of a chair, have been built to fit our anatomy. If we want robots to co-exist in that same environment, they must be similarly equipped.

In one respect, muscle tissue and Biometal are very different. The latter is so tough that trying to cut it with a sharp knife will merely damage the blade.

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/3

Re-write disc with a magic ingredient

By Peter Purton

The world's first erasable optical disc, to be announced tomorrow at the Comdex exhibition in Las Vegas, represents a considerable technological advance over the optical discs available which, although capable of storing up to 500,000 pages of conventional type, cannot be erased.

The new erasable disc, developed by the Xerox subsidiary Optimem, is designed for use in office computer systems and should be incorporated into retail products by 1987. It will be able to store the equivalent of 125,000 typed pages on each side of the disc.

Applications include the storage of archive and other databases, holding software libraries and keeping files of high resolution graphics. The maximum capacity available on a removable disc is about 500 A4 sides of typing.

The system is the result of three years of development work at Optimem, the US chemicals company 3M and an independent Palo Alto Research Centre in California. One major problem engineers had to overcome was to find material for the disc which combined the qualities needed for permanent uncorruptable data storage and quick selective erasure of stored data.

3M, which came up with this magic material, is understandably saying little about its contents. All it will say is that it is a "rare earth compound".

Information is stored as a series of spots polarized in one of two different directions corresponding to the 0's and 1's conventionally used to represent data in computer systems.

Information is read back from the disc by shining laser light on to it and measuring reflected light after it has passed through a polarizing filter. Depending on the direction of the magnetic polarization of the spot, the reflected light will vary in strength.

Data is erased by reheating the spots and using a magnetic field with reverse polarization to return them to their original state. Fresh data can then be rewritten on to the same disc area.

Another US company, Verbatim, is also planning an erasable disc. It will not be available until 1988 but will be a 3½ inch version.

A number of Japanese companies are also developing their own erasable products. Matsushita is reported to have already spent 12 years and £400 million on the development of an erasable disc, but as yet no product has been announced.

No prices are likely to be announced for Optimem's system at Comdex tomorrow but such systems are expected to cost about the same as the equivalent industry standard Winchester fixed disc systems.

New light cast on screen hazards

By R. A. Weale

The computer terminal and its glowing screen is the logo of modern technology, a football with which the employer tries to score goals in efficiency, while the users sometimes counterattack to keep the jobs they see at risk.

Health is introduced as a weapon into this combat. Still relatively few people are concerned about lathe operators crouching over their work, or smokers polluting the air of those who like it clean. But a whole branch of ergonomics or work science has grown like ivy round visual display units (VDU). There is sound advice on postures to adopt that would eliminate back-ache, and lighting levels to shed over the work area to ensure the visibility of the text on the screen and to avoid obnoxious glare reflections from its front.

This is right. What seems wrong is when that vociferous concern is confined to only those who use VDUs. This concentration on VDU users has led to the formation of another new industry which, insofar as it provides employment for people who manufacture harmless goods, ought to be welcomed.

The goods produced are various filters. The reasons why it is thought that filters are needed between the screen and



the user are numerous, and deserve careful consideration.

The purpose of a VDU is to emit visible light, which allows the text to be seen. But the worry is that the box emits other and noxious rays. The prime suspects are X-rays, ultra-violet light, micro-waves and magnetic fields.

Given a sufficient intensity and exposure time, each of these can produce adverse reactions in man or in animals in special circumstances. It is not surprising, therefore, that anything that radiates and is near our bodies should arouse doubt, suspicion, and even fear.

This concern has been fuelled by a number of user reactions, such as eye-strain, back-ache, abnormal pregnancies and skin problems. Their causes are not always known but several potential explanations are beginning to emerge.

A strong point appears to be posture. If our spine is distorted for any length of time it will rebel. This may be the result merely of the user's desire to avoid a plaguing glare reflection that interferes with the legibility of a text.

If people complain of eye-strain, look for the causes: the light coming from the VDU is weaker than that reflected from a sheet of typing paper, so it is unlikely that light is the culprit. Does that text appear too fast? Is it hard to read?

But, surely, filter manufacturers will protest, this has nothing to do with the goods we offer to protect VDU users from radiation hazards. Eye-strain may be psychological, they will say, but risks from rays are real.

There have been several detailed studies undertaken in about six different countries to find out how much of the potentially noxious X-rays and ultra-violent light is emitted by a variety of VDUs. They were sponsored by national, non-commercial bodies such as Britain's National Radiological Protection Board.

Even though the answer may be wrong, in every case it was the same. While the presence of traces of such radiations could sometimes be detected, their intensity was far too low to cause concern and much lower than in other appliances such as micro-wave ovens.

For example, the amount of X-rays is lower than that in our environment. But the evidence is ignored. No manufacturer of such filters publishes any objective test to substantiate its claims that (a) there is a risk and (b) that its wares offer any protection from it.

Professor Weale is the director of the Department of Visual Science at the University of London's Institute of Opthalmology.



The key to a man's world

By Anne Warden

Keyboard skills could be a passport to executive posts for many secretaries, allowing them to overtake word processor-shy managers, according to a London recruitment agency.

Senior staff, who may have their own computers, are likely to delegate tasks such as producing graphs or working out figures to secretaries rather than to junior executives because they know the business as well or better and are practised in new technology.

The agency says that secretaries, still mainly women, have been getting used to possibilities new machines are opening up, even as the old traditions persist of management, mostly male, staying aloof from what are deemed office tasks.

That is the view of Mr Christopher Bryant, a specialist in office technology, who runs the agency, Julia Gray Appointments. Many men, it is suggested, fear a loss of their "macho" image if they are seen using a keyboard in the office, with its typing-pool associations, even though it is likely to be attached to a computer.

The new developments raise questions over pay and trade union membership, but appear also to be relieving the secretary's job of its stigma as a trap with little chance of progression to other posts. David Aspin, a director of a Glasgow property company, believes that preconceived attitudes do not help. Companies in the United States, for example, were prepared to pay for talent, whereas salary scales in Britain were linked to the supposed status of the job. However he finds British office workers less inflexible than those in West Germany.

It seems not too far-fetched to see the clock turning back even as new technology turns it forward. Secretaries in the 17th century, for example, were relatively important. Their ranks included the poets John Donne, Andrew Marvell and John Milton. A reference of 1819 speaks of "quill-drivers turned secretaries to such and such a firm". Clearly the secretarial function was seen as one worthy of higher minds.

Fifth generation is a step closer

By Ian White

Fifth generation computers that can "think" are now being searched for in the laboratories of the world's leading mainframe manufacturers.

The application of these computers could compress designing and engineering tasks from months to days. Possible uses include simulating wind tunnels, structural testing, long-range weather forecasts and the automatic translation of up to 60,000 words an hour.

The concept of artificial intelligence is almost as old as the abacus. But it is only now that the technology of the micro-chip has brought the possibility of the super-computer within sight. The race is on between Japan, and America to produce these mainframes and there should be no underestimating the effort the Japanese are putting into winning the race.

Tired of being classed as copiers rather than originators, they are making supreme efforts to become technological pioneers as well as supreme imitators.

An example of this endeavour can be seen in the development labs of Fujitsu, Japan's biggest manufacturer of mainframe computers and office automation equipment.

Fujitsu scientists have unveiled recently two developments which could give them an edge in producing the first super computer capable of artificial intelligence. The first is a ceramic circuit board that can pack the bulk of about 30 conventional fibre glass printed circuit boards into a ceramic square no bigger than an ordinary bathroom tile.

This copper multilayer ceramic board not only gives a great advantage in terms of space saving. It can also handle a high-speed signal with almost no electrical loss. It makes them especially suitable for installation in high speed computers where the power to process millions of instructions a second is essential.

Fujitsu's other weapon in its fifth generation arsenal is a new semi-conductor technology that makes silicon seem snail-like. RHET stands for resonance tunelling hot electron transfer. Simply, it means data can be flung around electrical circuits at a speed of one trillionth of a second.

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9	BTR	
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SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
101⅛	98⅞	Exch 11¾% 1986	99⅝	..	11.754	11.275
99⅜	96⅜	Treas C 10% 1986	99⅜	..	10.352	11.288
100⅛	97⅛	Treas 9% 1986	99⅝	..	3.117	11.034
100⅜	97⅜	Exch C 10¾% 1986	99⅝	..	10.539	11.292
101⅜	98⅛	Treas 12% 1986	100⅝	..	11.946	11.197
102⅛	98⅝	Treas 8¾% 1984-88	99⅝	..	8.647	11.298
102⅜	98⅜	Exch 14% 1986	100⅝	..	13.957	11.163
99⅛	97⅛	Exch 2¼% 1986	98⅛	..	2.647	8.367
101⅜	98⅜	Exch 13¾% 1987	100⅛	..	12.993	11.239
100⅜	96⅜	Treas C 10¾% 1987	98⅜	..	10.949	11.268
98⅜	94⅜	Exch 2½% 1987	96⅜	..	2.596	8.740
100⅜	96⅜	Exch 10¾% 1987	98⅜	..	10.583	10.967
99⅜	95⅜	Funding 6¾% 1982-87	98⅜	..	10.477	10.960
100⅜	96⅜	Treas 11¾% 1987	99⅜	..	10.133	10.960
97⅜	93⅜	Treas 3% 1987	91⅜	..	3.294	9.944
102⅜	98⅜	Treas 12% 1987	101⅜	..	11.788	10.946
99⅜	95⅜	Treas 7¼% 1982-88	98⅜	..	8.212	10.939
100⅜	96⅜	Treas C 9¾% 1988	98⅜	..	10.571	10.883
98⅜	94⅜	Treas 9¾% 1988	98⅜	..	9.585	10.876
97⅜	93⅜	Treas 3% 1979-89	89⅜	..	3.459	8.773
100⅜	96⅜	Treas 9¾% 1989	98⅜	..	9.938	10.857
101⅜	97⅜	Treas 11¾% 1989	101⅜	..	11.390	10.857
97⅜	93⅜	Treas C 9% 1989	95⅜	..	9.057	10.789
94⅜	90⅜	Treas 3% 1989	85⅜	..	3.577	8.435
99⅜	95⅜	Exch 10¾% 1989	98⅜	..	10.593	10.797
100⅜	96⅜	Treas 13% 1989	100⅜	..	10.266	10.852
97⅜	93⅜	Exch 11¾% 1990	96⅜	..	11.302	10.798
94⅜	90⅜	Exch 11¾% 1990	96⅜	..	11.302	10.798
78⅜	74⅜	Treas 3% 1989-90	74⅜	..	5.822	9.391
101⅜	97⅜	Treas 13% 1990	100⅜	..	12.086	10.987
99⅜	95⅜	Exch 11¾% 1990	98⅜	..	10.598	10.901
100⅜	96⅜	Treas 12¾% 2000-05	97⅜	..	10.571	10.883
98⅜	94⅜	Treas 9¾% 2002-06	95⅜	..	9.798	10.128
100⅜	96⅜	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	112⅜	..	10.745	10.548
100⅜	96⅜	Treas 12% 2004-08	100⅜	..	10.921	10.747
97⅜	93⅜	Treas 5% 2008-12	61⅜	..	9.156	9.705
73⅜	70⅜	Treas 5% 2012-15	61⅜	..	9.759	9.914
124⅜	119⅜	Exch 12% 2013-17	116⅜	..	10.345	10.148
UNDATED						
37⅜	35⅜	War Ln	37⅜	..	10.008	10.008
41⅜	39⅜	Consols	41⅜	..	10.147	10.147
41⅜	39⅜	Conv	41⅜	..	7.751	7.751
31⅜	29⅜	Treas	31⅜	..	10.135	10.135
33⅜	31⅜	Consols	33⅜	..	9.973	10.008
33⅜	31⅜	Treas	33⅜	..	10.034	10.034
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117⅜	105⅜	Treas IL 2% 1996	116⅜	..	4.493	3.238
117⅜	97⅜	Treas IL 2% 1996	109⅜	..	4.134	3.429
113⅜	108⅜	Treas IL 2% 1996	112⅜	..	4.064	3.783
103⅜	99⅜	Treas IL 2% 2001	99⅜	..	3.927	3.707
101⅜	96⅜	Treas IL 2% 2003	96⅜	..	3.855	3.658
103⅜	99⅜	Treas IL 2% 2006	101⅜	..	3.734	3.585
99⅜	96⅜	Treas IL 2% 2009	96⅜	..	3.691	3.580
103⅜	99⅜	Treas IL 2% 2011	102⅜	..	3.615	3.507
93⅜	90⅜	Treas IL 2% 2016	90⅜	..	3.593	3.451
93⅜	90⅜	Treas IL 2% 2020	90⅜	..	3.546	3.407

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1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
238	150	Allied-Lyons	235	..	10.7	3.8	10.8
537	471	Bass	524	..	19.0	2.9	10.4
91	67	Belhaven	84	..	1.1	2.4	24.5
100	88	Boddingtons	94	..	4.2	4.5	13.3
596	538	Brown (Matthew)	542	..	12.2	2.3	27.1
119	110	Bulmer (H P)	119	..	7.0	4.1	12.7
100½	90½	Burtonwood Brew	95	..	14.5	15.2	11.4
420	370	Clerk (Matthew)	420	..	12.2	2.9	16.7
377	337	Dominion (J A)	370	..	21.1	5.7	21.4
135	115	Distillers	135	..	8.0	5.9	13.5
163	135	Greenall Whitley	152	..	9.6	6.3	12.2
218	182	Grosvenor Gp	218	..	12.0	5.5	13.5
315	265	Guinness	315	..	10.3	3.3	23.6
488	410	Hardys & Hansons	488	..	22.0	4.5	13.4
77	61	Highland Dist	77	..	2.8	3.7	13.8
178	150	Invergordon Dist	178	..	6.1	3.4	12.8
148	124	Irish Dist	148	..	6.0s	4.1	..
28	22	Morrison Thompson	28	..	2.8	9.2	14.5
324	179	Maitland	324	..	6.5	2.7	14.5
184	139	SA Breweries	184	..	..	..	..
171	135	Scot & Nwe	171	..	6.7	5.1	11.7
134½	112	Seagram	130½	..	41.1	1.4	..
375	298	Vaux	375	..	14.9	4.0	13.1
279	184	Whitbread 'A'	279	..	9.9	3.6	13.8
277	185	Whitbread 'B'	277	..	9.9	3.6	13.8
218	172	Whitbread Inv	218	..	9.9	4.5	32.2
363	284	Wolverhampton & D	363	..	11.5	3.1	15.7
325	185	Young 'A'	325	..	9.6	4.0	18.0

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171	98	Allied Irish	171	..	9.9	5.8	..
53	37	Ambanker (Henry)	53	..	1.8	3.4	36.2
221	201	Aust New Z	221	..	15.0	6.8	..
119	97	Bankamerica	119	..	..	..	..
385	329	Bank Of Ireland	385	..	17.9	4.7	..
619	510	Bank Lousn Israel	619	..	..	..	..
290	215	Bank Leumi UK	290	..	15.0	5.4	15.1
452	351	Bank Of Scotland	452	..	18.0s	5.2	10.4
402	332	Barclays	402	..	24.0	5.2	8.6

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1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
220	172	Aberdeen Constr	218	..	10.5	4.8	13.6
297	229	Amec	295	..	16.7	5.6	10.2
69	52	Arncliffe	62	..	0.1r	0.2	60.0
129	82	Ashtead	119	..	6.7	5.6	10.6
348	306	BPB Industries	335	..	11.5	3.4	19.0
324	204	Bagnall(Jn Brick	324	..	8.5	2.6	15.9
123	64	Bamford Dews	115	..	10.5	9.2	..
34	19	Bailey(Geo) Constr	32	..	0.4	1.3	5.4
116	112	Bellway	116	..	10.0	7.2	9.3
70	51	Bickford Conmore	70	..	5.4	5.4	53.7
76	51	Bett Bros	71	..	4.4	6.2	10.8
595	545	Blackburn	595	..	22.5	3.7	12.5
495	395	Blue Circle	495	..	22.0	4.4	10.5
240	194	Braedon&Cloud Hill	240	..	13.5	5.7	10.5
72	58	Brickhouse Duclay	71	..	4.9	6.9	12.5
89	66	Br Dredging	87	..	3.6	4.1	11.0
222	181	Bromford Gadbon	216	..	..	..	..
88	65	Brownlee	87	..	6.7	8.2	7.8
71	64	Bryant	66	..	4.7	8.6	10.6
193	138	Burnett & Hallam	..	..	12.5	..	..
145	98	Cadenhead Robey	130	..	4.4	3.6	23.0
91	58	Camera-Realstate	75	..	3.5	4.9	..
80	64	Carder Grp	75	..	2.1	3.1	28.9
525	325	Costain	478	..	22.1	5.1	9.3
342	204	Countryside	326	..	9.2e	2.8	9.3
116	84	Crouch (Derek)	116	..	7.9	7.2	24.1
116	69	Dew (George)	112	..	10.1	7.3	9.5
91	61	Douglas (Hld)	80	..	4.1	5.1	14.2
113	88	Eng	91	..	4.4	7.3	12.0
93	68	Fab	82	..	4.6	4.7	12.0
89	64	Do 'A'	82	..	4.3	5.2	12.0
255	117	Finlay (John)	249	..	9.5	3.8	12.9
84	64	Galliford	81	..	4.3	5.3	13.2
135	103	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	130	..	12.3	9.4	7.3
299	264	Glenlee (MJ)	299	..	7.7	2.6	9.1
119	89	HAT	116	..	8.5	4.6	11.9
58	24	Helical Bar	52	..	..	..	10.6
36	25	Henderson-Sheet	36	..	2.5	6.9	9.1
171	114	Heywood Williams	168	..	6.5	3.9	14.5
446	381	Higgs & Hill	445	..	18.5	4.1	12.6
380	328	Holmes(Robert)	378	..	6.1	1.6	19.5
286	241	Ibstock Johnsen	286	..	8.5	2.7	10.4
205	155	Jarvis (J) & Sons	205	..	8.5	2.7	10.4
199	167	Jerry (J)	199	..	4.9	5.4	8.7
225	156	Do 'A'	225	..	5.5	5.4	8.7
98	67	Lawrence (Walter)	91	..	4.9	5.4	8.7
39	28	Lilley (C&C)	39	..	2.3	7.0	11.1
202	166	Lovell (YJ)	202	..	8.5	3.9	15.3
169	104	Magnet & South	142	..	6.7	4.7	14.7
202	161	Manders	202	..	10.5	5.7	11.9
157	107	Marshalls (Halifax)	157	..	5.4	3.4	11.9
77	74	May & Hassell	105	..	5.4	5.1	..
338	232	McAlpine (Alfred)	338	..	18.1	5.3	9.4
177	112	Mayer Int	171	..	7.5	4.4	9.4
39	27	Miller (Stanley)	39	..	2.7	6.9	..
134	105	Monk (A)	134	..	9.3	7.2	7.2
348	198	Monkton (John)	348	..	18.5	5.1	21.8
685	668	Newarthill	685	..	18.7	1.8	15.7
163	143	Nicholson Brick	163	..	7.9	4.9	14.9
600	500	Pearce (CH) Sons	600	..	11.1	1.7	12.4
135	98	Pendrose	135	..	6.6	5.5	9.1
150	98	Perkins	150	..	4.3	3.9	9.1
199	178	Pochin	199	..	18.4	7.1	5.0
358	343	RMC	358	..	15.6	4.5	11.2
358	255	Redland	347	..	15.6	4.5	12.8
177	98	Roberts& Adlard	168	..	6.6	3.4	13.3
140	118	Robertson	140	..	11.1	7.9	10.2
150	118	Rugby Cement	139	..	6.5p	5.4	10.2
273	132	SGB	264	..	10.0p	3.8	14.9
97	83	Sharpe & Fisher	95	..	8.3	8.4	14.9
239	224	Smart (J)	232	..	10.2	4.4	10.2
358	262	Tarmac	358	..	11.7	3.3	18.5
349	255	Taylor Woodrow	338	..	21.4p	6.3	11.3
168	108	Tilbury Group	168	..	7.0	4.2	10.1
289	216	Tilcon & Arnold	289	..	11.3	3.9	15.2
157	87	Trent	157	..	1.5	1.0	11.2
148	94	Turriff	148	..	10.0	6.8	8.1
135	135	Wimpey(Geo)	135	..	12.9	9.6	7.3
241	141	Wood	241	..	9.0	3.7	14.9
78	78	Warrington (T)	78	..	5.7	7.3	10.5
173	173	Watts Blake	173	..	9.5	5.4	14.2
79	68	Western Bros	79	..	1.4p	2.1	13.5
28	28	Wiggins	..	..	..	..	..
304	172	Wilson (Connolly)	304	..	4.5	1.5	14.9
141	87	Wimpey (George)	138	..	4.5	3.2	11.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

311	225	AKZO N/V Bearer	291	..	400	13.5	..
258	191	Allied Colloids	258	..	9.5	3.7	15.9
280	220	Amersham	280	..	6.8	3.2	13.6
350	180	Anchor Chemical	182	..	6.1	3.2	7.1
72½	51	Bayer DM50	65½	..	700	10.7	..
159	100	Blagden	115	..	10.5	9.4	8.5
118	75	Brent Chems	115	..	6.1	5.3	15.2
37	27	Br Benzol	37	..	..	..	..
117	79	Br Tar Products	107	..	5.7p	5.3	15.5
107	79	Canning (W)	104	..	5.6	5.4	15.1
224	131	Coalite	222	..	8.5	3.8	15.5
169	131	Coates Bros	142	..	6.6	4.6	11.5
158	14	Do 'A'	124	..	6.5	5.2	7.5
158	118	Cory (Horace)	158	..	6.7	4.2	8.4
278	118	Croda	278	..	10.5	3.8	15.2
106	82	Do Ord	106	..	4.4	4.2	23.8
227	158	Ellis & Everard	188	..	8.4	4.5	10.5
288	178	Fosseo-Minerp	212	..	11.9	5.6	9.5
258	198	Halstead (James)	258	..	22.1	8.6	6.3
488	318	Hickson	338	..	21.4	6.5	7.5
78½	51	Hoechst DM50	65½	..	..	..	..
884	691	Imp Chem Ind	781	..	44.5	5.8	8.9
278	188	Laporte	265	..	18.5	7.0	10.1
116	84	Leigh	112	..	4.5	3.8	17.7
178	141	Pilks	173	..	9.1	5.2	17.8
88	68	Rentbrook Hldgs.	88	..	3.2	3.6	28.6
192	128	Rentokil	190	..	3.2	2.1	21.2
191	94	SNIA BPD	191	..	..	..	..
149	89	Stewart Plastic	149	..	3.6	2.5	20.2
228	165	Wolverhampton Rist	228	..	11.1	5.0	10.2
97	66	Yorkshire Chem	95	..	2.5e	2.5	11.0

CINEMAS AND TV

176	129	Anglia TV 'A'	175	..	11.4	6.5	12.8
94	28	Grampian	94	..	2.4	2.5	8.8
173	118	HTV N/V	173	..	11.0	6.4	7.9
251	218	LWT Hldgs	235	..	22.5	7.5	22.9
138	138	Scot TV 'A'	138	..	12.7	7.9	7.4
153	110	TVS N/V	153	..	8.5	5.7	8.7
33	23	TSW	31	..	2.4	7.8	8.5

DRAPERY AND STORES

71	50½	Aquascutum 'A'	71	..	3.3	4.6	28.8
197	51½	Beattie (James) 'A'	197	..	5.1	2.6	31.5
89	61	Bentalls	89	..	4.1	4.6	..
84	61	Blacks Leis	84	..	3.1	3.7	21.2
235	205	Br Home Stores	348	..	12.5	3.6	19.0
348	235	Brown (N)	348	..	12.5	3.6	19.0
482	402	Burton	482	..	12.1	2.5	21.2
271	271	Cable (A) &Sons	..	..	..	..	..
74	56	Carlton 'A'	74	..	2.8	3.8	16.2
224	204	Church	224	..	10.0	4.5	10.2
358	268	Continental English	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
135	95	Courts (Furn) 'A'	135	..	5.1	3.8	10.3
392	271	Dewhirst (JJ)	392	..	14.5	3.7	15.6
354	216	Dixons Grp	354	..	12.1	3.4	16.2
271	271	Dunhill	..	..	..	..	..
74	56	Ellis & Goldstein	74	..	2.8	3.8	16.2
380	380	Fyfe (Hmiddleton)	380	..	12.5	3.3	14.9
358	224	Gripps Stores	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
97	87	Executor Clothes	97	..	4.5	4.6	14.9
272	272	Fine Art Dev	272	..	..	..	..
272	272	Forsyth (Peter)	272	..	..	..	..
143	143	Formaster	143	..	..	..	..
358	358	Freemans	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
148	148	Godfrey (A)	148	..	5.1	3.4	14.9
154	98	Kent SR	154	..	5.1	3.3	14.9
283	283	Goldberg (A)	283	..	9.8	3.4	14.9
178	178	Gt Mouthless Op	178	..	6.1	3.4	14.9
155	155	Gussen	155	..	5.4	3.4	14.9
674	674	GUS	674	..	22.7	3.3	16.1
358	358	Do 'A'	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
260	260	Hallad Mothercare	260	..	8.7	3.3	16.1
358	358	Harris Queensway	358	..	11.4	3.2	14.9
260	260	Helens Of London	260	..	8.9	3.4	24.2
358	358	Hepworth (J)	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Hill (J)	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Howe Chens	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Houses Of Lerose	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Jones (Ernest)	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Lasties Price	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Lee Cooper	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Liberty	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Marks & Spencer	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Menzies (John)	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Moss Bros	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	NSS Newsagents	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Oliver (G)	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Owen Owen	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Peters Stores	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Prealy (Alfred)	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Reiners (Jewellers)	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Reyteck	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Rayne (Jasper)	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Do 'A'	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	S & U Stores	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Samuel (H)	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Do 'A'	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Sears	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Simpson (S) 'A'	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Smith (WH) 'A'	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Do 'B'	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Stanley (AG)	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Stirling	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Sumita Textiles	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Superdrug Stores	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Tem-Consulate	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Time Products	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Vantone Hyatts	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	WH Group	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Ward White	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Wigfalls	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9
358	358	Woolworth	358	..	12.5	3.5	14.9

ELECTRICALS

537	178	AB Elect	532	..	11.4	2.7	19.1
178	63	Amstrad	167	..	3.5	2.1	47.7
289	48	Apricot Computers	56	..	2.1	3.8	4.7
29	29	Arlen	29	..	..	..	..
303	200	Atlantic Comp	303	..	8.4	1.2	11.1
288	48	Audio Fidelity	288	..	..	..	..
303	148	Audio Sec	303	..	1.6	1.1	12.9
188	188	BSGI	188	..	15.1	8.4	9.8
63	63	BSR	63	..	2.4p	3.8	8.8

ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
461	368	Bowthorpe	382	..	8.2	2.1	13.4
287	164	Br Telecom 8½ P	282	..	3.9	4.8	13.7
97	70	Brown Brevet Kent	75	..	3.5	4.8	10.3
31	11½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	14½	..	1.9	13.3	23.7
97	97	CASE	97	..	1.9	2.0	8.1
328	240	Cable & Wireless	325	..	11.1	3.5	21.0
378	248	Cambridge Elec	228	..	10.2	4.5	18.8
178	118	CAP Gp	155	..	..	..	..
83	83	Chloride	83	..	..	..	11.5
155	155	Do 7½% CPF	155	..	17	11.0	17.5
248	248	Comcap	248	..	5.1	2.1	24.4
91	81	Cray Elect	91	..	4.3	4.8	7.4
248	248	Crystalate	248	..	8.6	3.5	24.4
91	81	Data Elect	91	..	4.3	4.8	7.4
199	199	Delaney	173	..	1.2	0.7	11.5
14	14	Dewhirst 'A'	14	..	1.2	8.7	11.5
104	104	Dowkie	104	..	2.5	2.4	12.9
104	104	Dowding & Mills	104	..	2.5	2.4	12.9
104	104	Dubilier	104	..	2.5	2.4	12.9
104	104	Electrocomponents	104	..	7.9	7.5	22.5
44	44	Electronic Mach	44	..	1.0p	2.3	31.5
47	47	Electronic Rentals	47	..	4.8p	10.2	10.5
134	134	Emess Lighting	134	..	7.9	5.9	10.7
61	61	Eurotherm	61	..	3.1	5.1	19.2
188	188	Farnell Elect	188	..	2.2	1.2	22.5
110	110	Fermed	110	..	2.2	2.0	14.0
188	188	First Castle Elec	188	..	3.1	2.3	8.2
188	188	Forward Tech	188	..	..	..	..
188	188	GEC	188	..	8.5	4.5	14.1
188	188	Gravenor	188	..	8.5	7.5	9.5
188	188	Highland Elect	188	..	8.5	4.5	10.9
188	188	IEI	188	..	8.5	4.5	10.9
188	188	Int Signal & Control	188	..	1.7	1.3	16.9
188	188	Jones Stroud	188	..	1.9	1.0	8.2
188	188	Kode	188	..	7.1	6.5	6.6
188	188	Lec Refrigeration	188	..	17.9	9.1	9.1
188	188	Logica	188	..	1.4	0.7	53.0
188	188	MK Elect	188	..	14.5	4.7	10.2
188	188	Marion	188	..	8.5

THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Matthew Brown says no to £125m bid by S&N

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries yesterday renewed its takeover bid for Matthew Brown, the Blackburn brewer. The £125 million bid, which was cleared by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission last week, was immediately rejected as "unacceptable" by Brown's eight-man board.

A short and sharp takeover battle is promised. Scottish & Newcastle said that the 16-for-five share exchange terms would close in 21 days and would not be increased unless a rival offer emerged. There is a cash alternative offer worth 540p a share.

That was enough to frighten some loose Matthew Brown shareholders into selling and Scottish & Newcastle was able to buy around 500,000 shares or nearly 2.5 per cent of the total, in the market, bringing its holding to just under 17.5 per cent.

Scottish & Newcastle is allowed to take its stake up to 30 per cent before takeover rules call a halt to further market purchases. The unsurprising message coming from the Scottish & Newcastle camp yesterday was "sell now while the going's good".

The new terms are worth slightly less than the offer on the table six months ago when Scottish & Newcastle was offering 14 of its shares plus 405p in cash for every five Brown shares. That offer would today be worth 560p because of the way in which Scottish & Newcastle shares have risen since then. The new bid is worth 547p a share.

The histoc exit multiple is morthan 25; the income pick-up, on acceptance, is 160 per cent; the premium over historic asset values is 90 per cent; and the earnings dilution, according to some, a mere 8 per cent.

The Matthew Brown side calculates that Scotish & Newcastle needs to generate an extra £10 million or so pretax profits from the takeover to avoid earnings dilution. This is no easy task, granted that Brown is reckoned to be among the most efficient of the regionals.

Matthew Brown runs about 550 pubs, and conforms well enough to the regional dimensions of its trading identity. Scottish & Newcastle, with some 1,500 pubs is awkwardly placed with a tradinbase partly in Scotland and partly in North-east. The Brown acquisition, if successful, would take Scottish & Newcastle into the North-west, but would still give the enlarged group only some 2,000 pubs, or 3,000 less than the largest of the leding brewers, Courage. Hence, Scottish & Newcastle needs even more acquisitions, post-Matthew Brown. Can the balance sheet stand the strain? Would the Monopolies Commission again stand aside?

This may be the logic which has convinced both Britannic Assurance and the Whitbread Investment Company, who together speak for nearly a fifth of the Brown shares, that the Scottish & Newcastle approach is not acceptable

It will be hard to shift these two leading institutions from their vew, clearly expressed at Monopolies Commission hearings, that Matthew Brown should remain independent. Their publicly-stated hostility creates a big stumbling block to the successful outcome to the Scottish & Newcastle approach

Wisdom on industry's rattling bones

The Confederation of British Industry is a much wider church than manufacturing, but the present focus of debate is manufacturing.

The figures cannot be questioned: between 1964 and 1984 Britain's share in exports from the 12 main manufacturing countries fell from 13.3 per cent to 7.6 per cent; manufacturing output as a percentage of British gross domestic product fell from 33.7 per cent to 24.4 per cent; the balance of trade in manufactured goods over the same span moved om a surplus of £1.8 billion to a deficit of £3.8 billion. These are the rattling bones of the de-industrialization of Britain. Does it matter?

This very question was asked in last Thursday's Johnian Society lecture, "Earning an Industrial Living", by Alan Lord, whose seven years with Dunlop, the last five as group managing director, was an instructive, if almost painful, experience. The question needs to be asked, not least because the assertion that it does not matter is rapidly acquiring a bogus air of conventional wisdom.

The argument that an expanding services sector will adequately compensate for a shrinking manufacturing base is too glib by half. While it is true that we are competitive in several service industries, "the decline in manufacturing and its adverse impact on our balance of trade can be compensated for only by that part of the service sector which trades internationally": banking and insurance for example, but not domestic retailing.

The more refined expression of our manufacturing decline is that we are moving into a post industrial society. Mr Lord's comment on that said it all:

"I should myself be more impressed . . .if I saw any evidence that our principal competitors of our own size – Italy, France, Germany or even Japan – were taking the same view. For them, if a 'post-industrial society' had any meaning at all it would be likely to relate to a vision of the manufacturing process in which the more laborious and tedious aspects had been eliminated, with the consequence that output depended more on robots and less on operatives, rather than on any sense that manufacturing was no longer an activity which it was necessary or desirable to pursue."

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Steinberg tests the choppy waters

Saul Steinberg's step-by-step raid on the shares of Mercury Securities, parent company of the merchant bank S. G. Warburg and Co, will be viewed carefully by other City houses and would-be predators as a test of the choppy waters now prevailing in financial markets befor next year's big bang.

Mr Steinberg has done nothing illegal or even improper. Through at least two separate purchases his company, Reliannce Group Holdings of the US, has bought a stake of 10.7 per cent in Mercury and duly informed Mercury of having done so. In response to a letter of inquiry from Mercury, Reliance has said that it is "totally supportive" of Mercury's proposed merger with the stockbrokers Rowe & Pitman and Mullens & Co, and the jobbers Akroyd & Smithers, adding: "We share the view that Mercury International Group be maintained as an independent company."

Mercury's reaction was curiously intemperate, saying that it could only regard Reliance's actions as unacceptable and inconsistent with Reliance's stated aims.

A holding of more than 10 per cent would raise in the minds of customers, actual and potential, and employees questions of how much influence such a shareholder would have.

Warburg, in its merchant banking and investment management capacities, has had no such qualms about acquiring or organizing such holdings in other companies. But there is, it seems, a difference: in businesses of "a professional and fiduciary character", like Mercury itself, confidence and confidentiality must be preserved at all costs.

Mr Steinberg coolly replied that he had no intention of acquiring more than 20 per cent of Mercury. And for good measure last Friday he bought a "first and only" 100,000 shares in Akroyd.

The story so far has provided some lessons for Mr Steinberg and others who might have similar ambitions, bearing mind that Mercury's statements have been made with the prior knowledge of the Bank of England.

In the first place, whatever rules may apply elsewhere, surprise raids on leading financial groups will be frowned upon. Secondly, although the 10 per cent rule has no force in law it it one that arbitrageures, warehousers and other large investors would do will to heed it they want an unhindered path through the City.

Elders admits £1.8bn offer not likely to buy Allied-Lyons

By Patience Wheatcroft

Elders IXL produced the formal offer document in its £1.8 billion bid for Allied-Lyons yesterday. Long before the City had had a chance to digest its convoluted contents, Elders' chief executive, Mr John Elliott, admitted that at this level he did not expect to get many acceptances.

While Allied shares hold steady at 286p, the document goes to extensive lengths to show why 255p – in cash or loan note form – is a generous price. The comparison it makes with other companies are in many cases somewhat doubtful: Watney's 12.6 per cent return on brewing is not as outstanding as it might seem in comparison with Allied's 8.8 per cent, for the Watney figure does not include the lower margin pub sales, whereas the Allied figure does.

Elders now has little to gain from hammering Allied's past performance. When the company produces its half-year figures, probably next Tuesday, they will be an eloquent demonstration of the way that things are noe coming right at Allied.

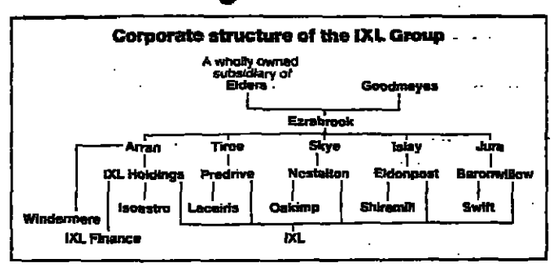
The attacking aspect of Elders' offer document fell on bored ears. "It is Elders' same stale shabby story", declared Allied's chairman, Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, last night.

Instead of the attack, focus of attention in this bid is the company making it. The offer document, despite protestations to the contrary, leaves the would-be acquisitor of Allied looking shadowy. The diagram is Elders' guide to the way it is mounting the bid, and it owes more to the legal minds at the solicitors, Freshfields, than it does to clarity.

Elders had bowed to the view that having banks fronting such a huge corporate bid is not a good idea. Instead of the original structure of the bidding vehicle in which the banks, led by Citibank, had a 58 per cent equity stake, they are no longer shareholders.

While the banks have stepped out of the limelight, the remaining structure of IXL, the company actually making the bid, is as complicated as analysts had feared. Twenty-one separate companies are involved, and the list of names reads like a tour around the northern outskirts of the land. Elders itself now has 49 per cent of this company and the majority holding belongs to a company with the tax-efficient address of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The main shareholders are Elders' alumni, Mr Richard Wisener and Mr Bob Cowper. For this occasion they have called their company Goodmayes, although the 5.95 per cent of Allied which they acquired as a base for the bid are still held in another company called Windemere.



Ezrabrook is 49 per cent owned by Henry Jones (IXL) and 51 per cent owned by Goodmayes, which is owned by Messrs. Cowper and Wiesener. The tier of companies below Ezrabrook are all owned 100 per cent by Ezrabrook. They are all incorporated in the Turks and Caicos Islands. The next tier are all UK companies and they are an intermediate stage in the division of Allied into five component parts: Isoastro, etc. Elders intends to sell three of these, encompassing Embassy Hotels, US food and European food.

Coal strike bill was over £5bn

By Our Economics Correspondent

The Government has not relaxed its economic policies, Sir Terence Burns, its chief economic adviser, said yesterday.

"No conscious easing of fiscal policy has taken place," he told the all-party Commons Treasury and Civil Service Committee.

Sir Terence maintained that there had been no major changes in monetary policy which would continue to exert downward pressure on the rate of inflation.

Treasury officials revealed the full cost of the coal strike, which ended in March. Public spending had been pushed up a total of nearly £4 billion.

Officials told the committee that public spending had been increased by £1.25 billion this year by the after-effects of the strike. In 1984-85 spending had been increased by £2.5 billion as a result of the strike.

This was in addition to any lost tax revenues. It suggests that independent estimates of the total cost to the country of the strike of between £5 billion and £6 billion wre broadly correct. During the strike the Chancellor insisted that such estimates were grossly exaggerated.

The other main overrun on spending this year, of £1.75 billion had been on local authority current and capital spending officials said.

The officals were giving evidence on the Autumn Statement, published last week.

Mr Brian Sedgemore, a member of the committee, said that the statement was "opaque" because it failed to give a figure for likely tax cuts in the Budget.

Sir Terence in response, said that the practice of providing an "implied fiscal adjustment" in the Autumn Statement served no practical or useful purpose.

£276m inflow puts PSBR on course

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Government's finances last month were in better shape than the City expected: the public sector repaid a net £276 million.

This negative PSBR of £276 million was at least £500 million better than the city has expected. The Treasury's forecast of an £8 billion PSBR for this financial year is not regarded as more attainable.

The cumulative PSBR for the first seven months of the financial year was £5.3 billion, compared with £8 billion in the corresponding period of last year.

The main feature of the October figures as large repayments by the local authorities.

Consolidated Fund revenue totalled £10.2 billion last month and Inland Revenue receipts were £5.5 billion, 21 per cent up on October 1984. Customs & Excise receipts, £3,144 million last month, are also running ahead.

Expenditure, however, appears to be running ahead of official projections. Consolidated Fund expenditure was £8.8 billion last month and £62.1 billion in the first seven months of this financial year, 6.5 per cent up on 1984-85.

Supply services expenditure was £8 billion last month and £55.9 billion in the April-October period, 9 per cent up on the correspondening period of the previous year.

An overshoot of the official planning total of £134.2 billion for spending this year may occur and this is regarded as the most vulnerable part of the Government's plans.

Economic growth slows to 0.5%

The economy grew by 0.5 per cent in the third quarter, following a 1 per cent advance in the second quarter, according to official figures.

GDP was 3.7 per cent up on that for the third quarter of last year which was, however, affected by the coal strike.

The output measure of GDP rose despite a drop in industrial production between the second and third quarters.

Output of the production industries fell by 0.5 per cent but there was a rise of about 1 per cent in service industries' output.

Short makes first profit since 1974

By Our City Staff

Short Brothers, the government-owned Belfast aircraft and missile maker, returned to overall profitability last year, for the first time since 1974 – an encouraging signal for the Chancellor who is known to be anxious to sell the company off within the next two years.

Turnover for the year ending March 31 was strongly up giving a profit before interest of £10.7 million. Interest charges of more than £10 million (against 7.75 million in 1983-84) reduced overall profitability to £523,000.

Sir Philip Foreman, the chairman and chief executive, said: "That the company turned in an overall profit with a financial structure having such artificially high gearing was no mean achievement, and it is to be hoped the Government will undertake a financial reconstruction in the near future."

Three new rivals entered the 30 to 40-seat commuter airliner market last year, to compete with Short's successful 330 and 360 airliners. As a result profit margins on the 26 civil aircraft delivered are understood to have been cut to the bone.

Pineapple loses £214,000 after bad first half

Pineapple Dance Studios, the USM company headed by the former model Ms Debbie Moore, announced its first full-year loss since it was launched as a public company in 1982.

Pineapple lost £214,000 before tax in the year ending July 31, 1985, against a pretax profit of £209,000 last time. It is not paying any dividend.

Most of Pineapple's losses came in the first half of its financial year. Its pretax loss of £197,000 then was blamed largely on the development costs associated with the opening of its New York dance centre several months behind schedule. The company says that the centre is now trading profitably.

But currency factors and the weakening dance and aerobics craze in Britain has also hit Pineapple. The British dance studios and related retail activities made a profit only in the final quarter.

Talks over tax limit

By Lawrence Lever

Representatives of the friendly societies are to meet Mr Ian Stewart, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, soon in an attempt to persuade the Governemnt to restore the £2,000 tax exempt limit on the life cover that friendly societies can write.

The Government reduced, in last year's budget the limit to £750 – and more than halved the premiums payable under friendly society tax-exempt policies.

Mr Ronald Day, senior trustee of the Odd Fellows M.U. Friendly Society, and one of the representatives who will meet Mr Stewart, said that the Minister had intimated that "he was interested in receiving evidence on how the Government's legislation had limited the activities of traditional friendly societies."

The Odd Fellow has written to all its districts urgning members to lobby their MPs

According to Mr Hall the representatives of the National Conference of Friendly Societies is to press Mr Stewart to reintroduce the former levels of tax exempt life cover for policies that only matured at age 65.

Volex profits rise 21%

Volex Group, the electrical wire and accessories manufacturer, made interim pretax profits to September 30 of £2.1 million, an increse of 21 per cent on turnover 33 per cent higher.

Growth came from all four divisions, with Volex Pencon and Volex Rayolex making the fastest increase in profitability.

Volex supplies the moulded plugs for Bosch power tools sold in Britain.

Volex is looking for new applications for its systems.

The dividend was increased to 3p from 2.5p.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	1,083.0 (–3.1)
FT All Share	682.12 (+0.08)
FT Govt Securities	83.10 (+0.88)
FT-SE 100	1404.5 (+0.6)
Bargains	23,188
Datastream USM	108.68 (–0.04)
New York	
Dow Jones	1434.05 (–1.03)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12700.31 (+20.67)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1744.20 (+8.13)
Amsterdam:	234.3 (+0.8)
Sydney: AO	996.6 (–6.7)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1708.4 (+14.4)
Brussels:	
General	911.55 (–7.36)
Paris: CAC	234.1 (+1.3)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $323.75pm–$323.50
close $323.75–324.25 (£227.00–227.50)
New York:
Comex (Latest) $324.15

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Jhnsn & Fth Brown	29p +5p
Apricot Computer	59p +10p
Assd Brit Eng	*6.50p +1p*
Abaco Invs	26.50p +3.50p
Parkdale Hldgs	39p +4p
Cifer	8p +1p
Caird (A.) & Sons	39p +4p
Audio Fidelity	52p +5p
Acorn Computer	53p +7p
Edmund Holdings	11p +1p
D.J. Scty Alarm	60p +5p
De Brett (Andre)	24p +2p
Jebsens Drilling	38p +3p
Cantors "A"	102p +8p
Whittington Eng	103p +8p
Cluff Oil	30p + 2p
Keep Trust	106p +7p
Amber Day	15.50p +1p
Blanchards	113p +7p
Barr & Wal Arnd	227p +14p
Stewart Plastics	148p +9p
Amstrad Csm Elt	167p +9p

FALLS:

Wordplex	70p –28p
Oceonics Group	47p –12p
Metal Sciences	*4.50p –1p*
Memcom Intl	4p –5p
Ramco Oil	36p –5p

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.4260 (+0.0038)
£: DM 3.7269 (–0.0012)
£: SwFr 3.0537 (–0.0017)
£: FFr 11.3543 (–0.0148)
£: Yen 290.08 (–0.21)
£ Index: 79.6 (+0.1)

New York:
£: $1.4257
$: DM 2.6150
$ Index: 129.2 (–0.1)
ECU £0.891870
SDR £0.755573

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 11½%
3-month Interbank 11⅝–11⅝%
3-month eligible bills buying rate 11⅜–11⅛%

US:
Prime Rate 8.50%
Federal Funds 7⅞%
3-month Treasury Bills 7.27–7.26%
30-year bond price 105 –105

IN BRIEF

'$400m deal' by Beecham

Beecham Group is close to an agreement to buy Norcliff Thayer and Reheis, two subsidiaries of Revlon, the American cosmetics company, for a total of about $400 million (£281 million) according to sources in London and New York.

Revlon had earlier been taken over by Pantry Pride, which is controlled by the New York company, Macandrews-Forbes Holdings.

Beecham, in a statement last week, indicated that the discussions involved only Norcliff Thayer, but a source familiar with the talks said that Pantry Pride wanted to sell Norcliff Thayer with Reheis.

If Beecham had to buy Reheis to get Norcliff Thayer, it would dispose of Reheis, the source said.

Beecham has expressed its wish to expand in the US.

Metal Box dip

Metal Box, the container group, saw pretax profits drop to £31.2 million in the half year to September 30 from £34.7 million last time. Sales rose to £569.3 million from £545.4 million. The divident is unchanged at 6.1p

Tempus, page 25

Wolseley buy

Wolseley-Hughes, the plumbing and heating supplies merchant, is to buy Carolina Builders Corporation of the United States for $77 million (£54 million). The deal is to be financed by placing 11 million shares at 470p. Tempus, page 25

The Prudential Corporation yesterday issued £100 million in floating rate notes. The company said that £25 million would be used to develope M&G, the reinsurance arm, in the US. Meanwhile, the Woolwich became the seventh building society to launch a sterling floating rate note. The issue is for £150 million, maturing in ten years.

Keiller sold

Barker & Dobson, the confectionery group, is buying James Keiller, the Dundee marmalade and butterscotch maker, for about £4.9 million. Barker & Dobson also announced an interim pretax loss of £7.5 million against a profit of £20,000. Tempus, page 25

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WALL STREET

	Nov 15	Nov 14
AMR	42½	42¾
ASA	35½	35¼
Allied Signal	45¾	45⅞
Allied Stores	62¾	63½
Alls Chalmers	3⅞	3⅝
Alcoa	33⅝	34
Amax Inc	11¾	11⅞
Ameracda Hess	30	30½
Am Brands	69¾	69⅝
Am Broadcast	119½	119⅝
Am Can	61	61
Am Cyanamid	56½	57⅛
Am Elec Power	23⅛	23
Am Express	47⅝	48⅛
Am Home	59⅜	60
Am Hospital	49⅞	48⅞
Am Motors	2½	2⅝
Am Standard	33½	33⅛
Am Telephone	21⅝	22⅛
Amoco	65⅝	67⅛
Armco Steel	9⅝	9⅝
Asarco	17	16⅞
Ashland Oil	36⅛	35⅞
Atlntic Richfield	66⅛	66⅛
Avon Products	27⅝	27⅝
Bankers Tst NY	67⅜	66⅝
Bankamerica	15	15⅛
Bank of Boston	53¼	53⅝
Bank of NY	45½	45⅛
Beatrice Foods	46½	46⅛
Bethlehem Steel	13⅞	14⅜
Boeing	47½	46⅛
Boise Cascade	44⅛	44⅞
Borden	43⅝	43¾
Borg Warner	21⅞	21⅝
Bristol Myers	61⅝	62¼
BP	32	31⅝
Burlington Ind	31⅝	31½
Burlington Nthn	68	68⅝
Burroughs	58½	58⅞
Campbell Soup	44⅛	45⅝
Canadian Pacific	12⅝	12⅝
Caterpillar	38⅝	37⅝
Celanese	132	133½
Central SW	26½	26⅝
Champion	22⅞	23
Chase Manhat	60½	61½
Chem Bank NY	39⅞	40⅝
Chevron	38½	38⅝
Chrysler	44½	43
Citicorp	44⅞	45⅞
Clark Equip	24⅞	25½
Coca Cola	79⅛	79⅛
Colgate	30½	30⅝
CBS	119½	120
Columbia Gas	37⅝	37⅝
Combustion Eng	38⅛	38⅝
Comwith Edison	28⅝	29⅝
Cons Edison	34⅝	35⅝
Cons Nat Gas	44⅞	45¾
Cons Power	7⅞	7⅞
Control Data	17⅝	18
Corning Glass	55⅝	55⅝
CPC Intl	51½	50⅝
Crane	38⅝	38
Crown Zeller	40⅝	40⅞
Dart & Kraft	39⅝	39⅞
Deere	27½	27⅝
Delta Air	39½	39½
Detroit Edison	15½	15⅝
Digital Equip	116½	116⅝
Disney	97⅜	97⅝
Dow Chemical	38½	38⅝
Dresser Ind	19⅝	19⅝
Duke Power	34¾	34⅝
Du Pont	62½	63½
Eastern Air	6⅜	6⅝
Eastman Kodak	45⅞	46¼
Eaton Corp	58¼	58
Emerson Elect	73¾	72⅝
Evans Prod	1⅛	1⅛

	Nov 15	Nov 14
Exxon Corp	53⅝	54
Fed Dept Stores	69⅞	69½
Firestone	19⅝	19½
Fst Chicago	25½	25⅝
Fst Intrst Bncp	50	50⅝
Fst Penn Corp	6⅛	6½
Ford	53½	51½
GAF Corp	46⅜	45⅜
GTE Corp	42¼	41⅜
Gen Corp	63½	63¼
Gen Dynamics	67⅛	69
Gen Electric	64	64½
Gen Inst	16⅝	16⅞
Gen Mills	66⅝	67
Gen Motors	70⅝	69⅞
Gen Pub Util NY	15⅛	15⅜
Genesco	3¼	3⅜
Georgia Pacific	23½	23⅝
Gillette	66⅝	66⅞
Goodrich	32½	32½
Goodyear	27½	27½
Gould Inc	33⅜	33
Grace	39⅝	39⅝
Gt Attic & Pacific	18⅝	19⅜
Greyhound	31½	31⅜
Grumman Corp	30½	30½
Gulf & West	43⅜	43½
Heinz H. J.	30⅝	31½
Hercules	37⅝	38
Hewlett-Pkrd	32¾	33⅜
Honeywell	64⅞	64½
IC Inds	38⅜	39½
Ingersoll	52⅝	52⅝
Inland Steel	21⅝	21½
IBM	136¾	136¾
Int Harvester	7⅝	7½
INCO	12⅛	12⅛
Int Paper	49	48½
Int Tel Tel	34	33¾
Irving Bank	39¾	39½
Jim Walter	38½	39⅛
Johnson & John	49⅝	50½
Kaiser Alumin	15⅝	15⅜
Kerr McGee	35⅞	35⅝
Kimberly Clark	64½	64
K Mart	34½	34⅛
Kroger	47½	47½
L T.V. Corp	5⅞	5⅝
Litton	85⅝	84½
Lockheed	47⅝	48
Lucky Stores	25½	25¼
Manuf Hanovsr	39⅞	40⅝
Manville Cp	5⅞	5⅝
Mapco	35½	35½
Marine Midland	35	34⅝
Martin Marietta	33⅝	34
Masco	36⅛	36⅛
McDonnell	69⅞	70⅝
Mead	38	38⅝
Merck	122½	121⅝
Minnesota Mng	80⅝	81⅝
Mobil Oil	31½	31⅞
Monsanto	46	46⅛
Morgan J. P.	65½	65⅝
Motorola	34¾	37
NCR Corp	39½	39⅞
NL Industries	12⅝	12⅝
Nat Distillers	32½	32½
Nat Med Ent	22½	22⅝
Nat Semicndctr	11⅝	12⅛
Norfolk South	73½	73¼
NW Bancorp	26⅞	26⅞
Occidental Pet	35⅛	35⅝
Ogden	33⅜	33⅛
Olin Corp	36⅞	37½
Owens-Illinois	52	52⅜
Pacific Gas Elec	19⅛	19¾
Pan Am	8	8⅛
Penney J. C.	50¾	50⅝
Pennzoil	48	48¾
Pepsico	66⅝	67⅛

	Nov 15	Nov 14
Pfizer	49½	50
Phelps Dodge	20⅝	20⅝
Philip Morris	75⅝	76⅛
Phillips Petrol	13	13⅜
Polaroid	37⅛	38⅛
PPG Ind	49⅝	49⅝
Procter Gamble	65⅛	66⅛
Pub Ser El & Gas	31⅛	31⅝
Raytheon	49⅝	50
RCA Corp	47⅛	48
Reynolds Ind	27⅛	27½
Reynolds Metal	32½	33⅛
Rockwell Int	34¾	35⅝
Royal Dutch	63	63⅞
Safeways	36⅜	35⅞
Sara Lee	49⅛	49⅛
SFE Sopac	35⅛	34⅞
SCM	73½	73½
Schlumberger	34⅛	34⅞
Scott Paper	45½	45⅞
Seagram	43⅝	43⅞
Sears Roebuck	36⅛	36⅛
Shell Trans	39	39⅛
Singer	37⅜	36⅝
Smithkline Beck	71⅝	71⅛
Sony	18⅛	18
Sth Cal Edison	24½	24⅝
Sperry Corp	48⅝	49⅛
Std Oil Ohio	52⅝	53⅛
Sterling Drug	34¾	35
Stevens J. P.	25⅛	25½
Sun Comp	50⅞	51⅛
Tetelyne	278½	274
Tenneco	38⅝	39½
Texaco	39½	39⅝
Texas East Corp	39¼	36⅝
Texas Inst	99⅝	96⅞
Texas Utilities	29⅝	29⅝
Textron	50⅛	50⅝
Travelers Corp	45⅝	47
TRW Inc	76⅝	77⅝
UAL Inc	49½	50
Unilever NV	123½	124⅝
Union Carbide	89¾	88⅝
Un Pacific Corp	49⅝	50
United Brands	23½	23⅝
US Steel	26¾	27
Utd Technol	41	41
Unocal	30	30⅝
Wachovia	35½	35⅛
Warner Lambert	39⅝	40
Wells Fargo	60½	59½
Westinghse Elec	43⅝	43
Weyerhauser	28¾	28
Whirlpool	45¾	46⅛
Woolworth	56⅝	56⅛
Xerox Corp	56½	56⅝
Zenith	17⅛	17⅝

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	17½	17¼
Alcan Alumin	34⅞	35⅛
Algoma Steel	19¼	19⅛
Bell Telephone	42⅝	42⅛
Can Pacific	17⅜	17⅛
Cominco	11⅝	11⅝
Cons Bathurst	17⅛	17⅛
Gulf Oil	20⅞	20⅞
Hawker/Sid Can	20¾	20¾
Hudson Bay Min	6⅝	6⅝
Imasco	24¾	24½
Imperial Oil	53⅝	53½
Int Pipe	45¼	45¼
Mess.-Fergsn	3.20	3.25
Royal Trustco	22	22
Seagram	60	60⅜
Steel Co	22⅝	22⅛
Thomson N 'A'	22⅝	22⅛
Walker Hiram	33¾	34
WCT	16⅞	17

● Ex div a Asked c Ex distribution. b Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Advance for motors

New York (Agencies). – The stock market turned mixed after an early small decline. Motor issues advanced for the second successive session.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up a fraction to 1436. Declines led advances by an eight to five margin on turnover of 24.72 million shares.

Allied-Signal led the actives, up one to 46½. The company has sold its Bunker Ramo information systems business to Automatic Data processing for an undisclosed amount.

General Motors was up 1⅛ to 71⅞, Ford Up ⅝ to 54¼ and Chrysler up ½ to 44⅞.

Mr Wayne Nordberg, of Prescott Ball and Turben, said that if there was no decline in interest rates, the market would have nothing to propel it higher. He believed that neither the economy nor profits would strengthen in the first part of 1986.

His view differed from that of the investment houses, many of which are expecting stronger corporate profits.

Mr Michael Metz, of Oppenheimer and Co, maintained the market would go higher.

He said "you have a lot of excess money in the system that is not being used either for capital spending or to build inventories, so it is moving into the stock and bond markets."

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Dec 85	88.50	88.51	88.49	88.50	88
Mar 86	88.91	88.93	88.88	88.93	140
Jun 86	89.25	89.25	89.25	89.25	30
Sep 86	89.40	89.40	89.39	89.39	4
Previous day's total open interest 8836					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Dec 85	91.93	92.00	91.90	92.00	1117
Mar 86	91.87	91.95	91.85	91.94	2899
Jun 86	91.62	91.74	91.62	91.74	930
Sep 86	91.30	91.45	91.30	91.45	155
Previous day's total open interest 20668					
US Treasury Bond					
Dec 85	79-22	80-11	79-22	80-09	3446
Mar 86	78-17	79-04	78-17	79-05	38
Jun 86	NT			78-03	0
Previous day's total open interest 3825					
Short Gilt					
Dec 85	97-25	97-28	97-24	97-26	181
Mar 86	NT			97-09	0
Jun 86	NT				0
Previous day's total open interest 1730					
Long Gilt					
Dec 85	110-26	111-08	110-22	111-03	2980
Mar 85	110-29	111-10	110-29	111-06	70
Jun 86	NT				0
Sep 86	NT			110-06	0
Previous day's total open interest 6564					
FT-SE 100					
Dec 85	140.50	140.80	139.30	139.95	547
Mar 86	142.05	142.05	141.00	141.50	66
Previous day's total open interest 2127					

COMMODITIES

Markets wre quiet yesterday. The London Metal Exchange laboured under its tin cross, now almost a month old and business was slack. The LME met the working party from the International Tin Council.

Softs did not compensate, coffee being the main attraction. But US Treasury bond and Eurodollar prices rose on relatively optimistic US figures and the prospect of better ones later this week. Precious metals were dull.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
Rubber in p per kilo; Soyabean meal, coffee and cocoa in £ per tonne; Gas-oil and sugar in US $ per tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report.

RUBBER

Dec	800–seller
Jan	Unq–
Feb	Unq–
Mar	Unq–
Apr	Unq–
May	Unq–
Jun	Unq–
Jul	Unq–
Jan/Mar	Unq–
Apr/Jun	Unq–
Jul/Sep	Unq–
Vol	Nil–

SUGAR
(Raw)
No 6 at 1640 Dec 14200–3400
Mar 15160–6160
May 15800–6580
Aug 16200–6180
Oct 16740–6580
Dec ....Unq–
Vol 1507–

SUGAR
(White)
All months unquoted
Vol: ....Nil–

COCOA

Dec	1674–46
Mar	1688–67
May	1714–70
July	1737–35
Sep	1755–54
Dec	1780–76
Mar	1789–79
Vol	1428–

COFFEE

Nov	1845–35
Jan	1890–86
Mar	1889–88
May	1904–1896
Jul	1915–1910
Sep	1950–1935
Nov	1960–1950
Vol	2641–

SOYABEAN

Dec	123.0–22.0
Feb	125.5–25.0
Apr	125.5–25.5
Jun	122.0–21.5
Aug	122.0–21.5
Oct	124.0–22.5
Dec	127.0–23.5
Vol	214–

GAS OIL

Dec	26900–6775
Jan	26450–6425
Feb	26075–6050
Mar	25100–5075
Apr	24250–4125
May	23250–3225
Jun	23100–3000
Jul	22925–2900
Aug	23200–2900
Vol	1553–

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official turnover figures
Prices in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE

Cash	869.00–860.00
Three months	877.50–876.00
T/O	5800
Tone	Easier

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	837.00–839.00
Three months	856.00–861.00
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

TIN STANDARD
Suspended

LEAD

Cash	274.00–275.00
Three months	277.00–278.00
T/O	1200
Tone	steady, quiet

ZINC STANDARD

Cash	396.00–400.00
Three months	
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	418.00–419.00
Three months	422.50–423.00
T/O	1400
Tone	easier

SILVER LARGE

Cash	424.5–425.5
Three months	437.0–439.0
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

SILVER SMALL

Cash	424.5–425.5
Three months	437.0–439.0
T/O	nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	860.00–861.00
Three months	884.50–885.00
T/O	11950
Tone	steady

NICKEL

Cash	2840.00–2850.00
Three months	2880.00–2895.00
T/O	234
Tone	barely steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 18

GB: Cattle, 94.91p per kg lw (+0.41).
GB: Sheep, 148.99p per kg est d c w (–1.02).
GB: Pigs, 83.89p per kg lw (–0.44).

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 2.6 per cent, ave. price, 94.79p (+0.44).
Sheep nos. up 12.6 per cent, ave. price, 150.56p (–0.75).
Pig nos. up 1.0 per cent, ave. price, 83.90p (+0.44).

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 14.8 per cent, ave. price, 96.37p (–0.05).
Sheep nos. up 14.7 per cent, ave. price, 142.88p (–1.99).
Pig nos. up 13.8 per cent, ave. price, 81.28p (–1.43).

The figures for London meat, potato and grain futures refer to Friday's trading.

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Pig Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Nov	unq	unq
Feb	unq	0950
Mar	unq	unq
Apr	unq	unq
May	unq	0960
Jun	unq	unq
Jul	unq	unq
Aug	unq	unq
Sep	unq	unq
Oct	unq	unq
Nov	unq	Vol 0

Pig meat
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	102.0	101.9
Apr	103.4	103.8
Jun	100.9	100.8
Aug	099.4	099.9
Oct	104.9	104.7
Nov	106.0	106.7
		Vol 25

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Feb	74.00	76.0
Apr	83.00	86.20
May	88.00	92.80
Nov	74.00	74.00
Feb	80.00	82.0
Vol 1532		

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Nov	£109.70	£107.85
Jan	£112.10	£119.15
Mar	£114.65	£112.70
May	£117.45	£114.80
Jly	£119.60	
Sep	£98.25	£98.25
Volume:		
Wheat		255
Barley		16

BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX
G.N.L. Freight Futures Ltd report
$10 per index point

	High/Low	Close
Jan 86	886-883	886.0
Apr 86	950.0-950	925.5
Jul 86	—	930.0
Oct 86	—	917.5
Jan 87	—	947.5
Apr 87	1,000-1,000	960.0
Jul 87	—	870.0
Oct 87	—	975.0
Spot: 882.0		
Vol: 48 lots.		

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Interbank money held the area of 11⅛–½ per cent throughout yesterday morning. It became firmer as the afternoon progressed and was bid up to 13 per cent sortly before the finish. The close was about 12 per cent bid.

The periods showed little change. Main dealers complained of meagre turnover. One or two claimed fair turnover.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11½
Finance House 12

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 12 Low 11½
Week fixed: 11⅞–11⅝

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 months 11⅛	2 months 11⅛
3 months 11⅛	3 months 11⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 month 11⅛–11⅛ 2 months 11⅛–11⅛
3 months 11⅛–11⅛ 6 months 10⅞–10⅞

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 month 11⅝ 2 months 11⅞
3 months 11⅝ 6 months 11⅞

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11⅜–11½ close 12
1 week 11⅜–11½ 6 months 11½–11⅝
1 month 11⅜–11½ 9 months 11½–11⅝
3 months 11⅜–11⅜ 12 months 11½–11⅝

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 11¼ 7 days 11¼
1 month 11½ 3 months 11⅝
6 months 11½ 12 months 10⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 month 12⅛–11⅞ 2 months 12-11⅞
3 months 12-11⅞ 6 months 12-11⅝
9 months 11⅞–11⅝ 12 months 11¾–11⅝

Sterling CDs (%)
1 month 11⅝–11½ 3 months 11⅝–11⅝
6 months 11⅜–11¼ 12 months 11¼–11¼

Dollar CDs (%)
1 month 8.10-8.00 3 months 8.10-8.00
6 months 8.10-8.00 12 months 8.25-8.15

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	8⅝–7⅝
7 days	7¾–8⅛	1 month	8⅛–8⅛
3 months	8⅛–8⅛	6 months	8⅛–8⅛
		12 months	8⅛–8⅛
Deutschmark		call	5–4
7 days	4⅝–4½	1 month	4¾–4½
3 months	4⅝–4⅛	6 months	4⅝–4⅛
French Franc		call	9⅛–8½
7 days	9⅞–8⅝	1 month	9⅞–9⅝
3 months	9⅞–9⅛	6 months	9⅞–9¾
Swiss Franc		call	1⅞–⅝
7 days	1½–1	1 month	3⅜–3⅛
3 months	4¼–4⅛	6 months	4¼–4⅛
Yen		call	7¼–6¾
7 days	7⅜–7½	1 month	8¼–8⅛
3 months	8¼–8⅛	6 months	8–7⅞

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin): $325.50-327.00 (£228.25-229.50)
Sovereigns* (new): $78.50-79.50 (£55.00-55.75)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV
Average reference rate for interest period 2 October 1985 to 5 November, 1985, inclusive: 11.608 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Trading was exceptionally quiet and featureless yesterday, with currencies moving within narrow bands.

Sterling ended 42 points ahead against the dollar, at 1.4260.

It ended little changed against the mark, at 3.7268 (3.7230), with the closing trade-weighted index at 79.6, an increase of 0.1.

The dollar mostly closed slightly lower against other important currencies.

In mark terms, it ended at 2.6140 (2.6230), having traded within a narrow range of 2.6110-2.6245.

Meanwhile, the dollar is being supported by the continuing sale of US Treasury bills and the consequent upward pressure on the Federal funds rate.

But its long-term outlook still looks bearish.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range November 18	Market rates closes November 19	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.4210–1.4285	$1.4255–1.4265	0.39–0.36c prem	1.18–1.14c prem
Montreal	$1.9580–1.9630	$1.9600–1.9630	0.46–0.86c prem	1.31–1.37c prem
Amsterdam	4.1922–4.2010fl	4.1924–4.1975fl	2½–1½c prem	5½–5½c prem
Brussels	75.20–76.48fr	75.21–75.33fr	21–18c prem	59–53c prem
Copenhagen	13.4525–13.4874k	13.4525–13.4757k	2½–1½ore prem	7½–6½ore prem
Dublin	1.2043–1.2073p	1.2053–1.2063p	20–8p prem	60–19p prem
Frankfurt	3.7241–3.7356m	3.7241–3.7296m	2½–2½pf prem	6¾–6¼pf prem
Lisbon	231.86–235.29e	232.28–235.29e	145–445c disc	385–1385c disc
Madrid	228.96–229.77p	229.00–229.30p	35–75p disc	145–260p disc
Milan	2514.81–2524.53lr	2517.08–2520.53lr	2–6lr disc	9–13lr disc
Oslo	11.1848–11.2220k	11.1977–11.2198k	⅛–¼ore disc	2½–3½ore disc
Paris	11.3468–11.3653f	11.3468–11.3618f	1½–2ore disc	4–4½ore disc
Stockholm	11.1783–.2084k	11.1883–11.2094k	1–¾ore prem	2½–2¼ore prem
Tokyo	289.88–290.41y	289.97–290.25y	1–¾y prem	3¾–3½ypro prem
Vienna	26.17–26.26sch	26.17–26.26sch	13½–11½gro prem	39½–34½gro prem
Zurich	3.0506–3.0605f	3.0516–3.0558f	2¼–2c prem	5¾–5¼c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up 0.1 at 79.6 (day's range 79.5–79.6).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral	1.1404–1.1423
Australia dollar	2.1165–2.1212
Bahrain dinar	0.5340–0.5360
Brazil cruzeiro	12644.10–12712.70
Cyprus pound	0.7850–0.7950
Finland markka	7.9825–8.0225
Greece Drachma	218.0–220.0
Hongkong dollar	11.1210–11.1330
India rupee	17.20–17.40
Iraq dinar	NA
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.4140–0.4180
Malaysia dollar	3.4775–3.4827
Mexico peso	880.0–730.0
New Zealand dollar	2.5731–2.5849
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.1735–5.2135
UAE dirham	5.0142–5.0178
Singapore dollar	3.0165–3.0309
South Africa rand	5.2040–5.2440
United Arab Emirates dirham	5.2040–5.2440

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.1785–1.1800
Singapore	2.1145–2.1155
Malaysia	2.4388–2.4410
Australia	0.6725–0.6736
Canada	1.3755–1.3765
Sweden	7.8575–7.8625
Norway	7.8700–7.8750
Denmark	8.4700–8.4760
West Germany	2.6135–2.6145
Switzerland	2.1400–2.1415
Netherlands	2.9420–2.9435
France	7.9800–7.9850
Japan	203.40–203.50
Italy	1768.0–1782.0
Belgium(Comm)	52.90–52.95
Hong Kong	7.8020–7.8040
Portugal	163.20–164.20
Spain	166.95–151.10
Austria	18.38–18.49

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Exbil. *Lloyds Bank International.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div %	Yld %	P/E
191	87	Allen	190	–1	2.6	2.6	..
688	550	Alliance	680		28.1a	4.0	..
155	118	Amer Trust	131	● +1	6.1	4.6	..
145	118	Anglo Amer Sec	138	● +1	6.1	2.5	..
146	139	Ashdown	140		4.2p	3.0	..
122	88	Atlantic Assets	120½	–½	0.8	0.7	..
102	83	Bankers	100	● –1	3.5	3.5	..
182	153	Berry	168	–1	1.5	0.9	..
179	152	Border & Sthrn	178	–1	5.1	2.9	..
221	190	Br Assets	221		10.9	4.9	..
28	19	Br Empire Sec	23		1.3	5.6	..
374	312	British Inv	368	● –2	20.9	5.7	..
88	64	Brunner	84½	–½	3.19	3.8	..
88	72	Charter Agency	84½		30.6p	4.6	..
895	695	Continental	850		1.1	0.1	..
178	119	Crescent Japan	145		18.9	8.5	..
113	97	Derby Inv	113				..
116	95	Do Cap	115		14.3	4.4	..
330	284	Drayton Cons	328	● +1	1.5	1.2	..
148	112	Drayton Far East	136	● +1	2.5a	0.9	..
427	348	Drayton Japan	417	+1	1.5	0.4	..
517	383	Drayton Premier	517	+2	7.4p	2.5	..
160	130	Dundee Loh	152	+1	6.9	5.6	..
118	88	Edin Amer Asset	118		4.8a	5.2	..
120	103	Edinburgh	120	● –1	5.1	5.7	..
302	254	Electric Gen	298	● +3	8.0	3.7	..
139	114	English Int	138		1.9	2.4	..
79	65	English Scot	77		1.9	2.4	..
111	91	English NY	110		2.4	2.8	..
97	78	F & C Alliance	97		1.8b	1.2	..
182	150	F&C Pacific	144	–1	2.2	1.5	..
242	186	Fleming	238	–2	11.3p	4.8	..
288	242	First Scot Amer	288		12.8p	4.4	..
185	80	First Un Gen	180		8.7	10.8	..
288	415	Fleming American	455		7.5	1.6	..
255	235	Fleming Clover	255	+1	12.6	4.9	..
250	233	Fleming Enterprise	250	+1	12.1	4.2	..
109	76	Fleming Far East	108	●	5.5	1.7	..
133	109	Fleming Fledgling	108	+1	5.1	5.3	..
560	405	Fleming Japan	448	+1	5.7	1.3	..
132	105	Fleming Mercantile	131		3.9	3.5	..
134	100	Fleming Overseas	112		3.3	2.5	..
354	288	Fleming Universal	306		7.1	2.3	..
74	59	For Col	69½		2.0	2.9	..
121	113	GT Japan	123	● –1	2.0	1.6	..
135	97	General Funds	133		2.7	2.0	..
288	230	General Cons	288	–1	14.3p	5.0	..
125	100½	Glasgow Stock	122	–1	2.9p	2.4	..
297	251	Globe	294	–1	14.5	4.9	..

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div %	Yld %	P/E
270	222	Greenfriar	266		8.5	3.2	..
276	220	Grisdean House	266	● +15	6.1	2.6	..
171	138	Hambros	171		13.8	8.2	..
238	209	Hill (P)	238		7.8	3.3	..
284	46	Invest-In Success	238	● +8	7.8	1.4	..
224	206	Inv Cap	223		9.1	4.1	..
1½	½	Japan Assets	1½		0.8	0.7	..
158	135	Jardine Flem	158	● –1	8.5b	4.6	..
191	162	Law Debenture	191		9.1	4.7	..
88	76	Lon Merchant Sec	79		5.1	5.5	..
106	84	Lon Trust	106		6.4b	6.1	..
105	87	Manchesters	105		5.4b	5.2	..
174	133	Monks	156	● +2	7.7	3.8	..
134	108	Murray Income	134	● +1	8.0	6.0	..
117	98	Murray Growth	115	● +1	6.4b	4.8	..
146	112	Murray Int	141	● +1	8.7	6.2	..
218	183	Murray

TEMPUS

Metal Box puts a polish on lacklustre figures

The Government Broker was out of his blocks in a flash yesterday and ran out the rump of his long tap – perhaps £50 million of Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 – almost before breakfast. The stock was sold at good prices for a change, and left the market waiting for Friday, if not before; few if any conventional taps are left on the shelf. But good PSBR figures, and a buoyant United States bond market failed to move gilts beyond ¼ point gain in longs.

Metal Box

The Metal Box interim figures had a hint of "ticky-tacky" yesterday as the company tried to bolster its disappointing trading performance. Simply, the results did not equate with a business which has restructured and rationalized – itself to the tune of 17,000 job losses in the last four years and Metal Box had to resort to accounting gymnastics to make the position look brighter.

Pretax profits dipped from a restated £34.7 million to £31.2 million. However, the performance was flattered by a £3 million boost from a partial pension contributions holiday and a further £1.1 million benefit by switching to using average exchange rates for foreign currency translations.

Without these factors, the results would have been even more lacking. There was little encouragement from the company on either the past or future trading performances. Once again the story was one of intense competition with the management's response being to make yet more massive provisions below the line.

Metal Box also produced the frightening statistic that if it had not laid off 17,000 workers in the last four years then its pretax profits would be reduced by £170 million on an annual basis. It is a reflection of the difficult markets in which the group operates that the emphasis is on reduction rather than improvement of profits.

The argument that Metal Box has grasped the nettle this year with further extraordinary provisions of £23.5 million in the first-half tend to wear a little thin when you realize that the group has been grasping the same nettle since 1981 without any appreciable upturn in fortunes.

No guarantees are given that the restructuring is over. The message seems to be that nothing is sacred and neither product groups of geographical locations are safe from the new broom which is once again set to sweep through the organization.

It is fighting and positive talk, but it comes to nought if it cannot be translated into financial growth. Perhaps more worrying is that no one at Metal Box seems too certain about where the growth will come from. Too much emphasis has been placed on rationalization benefits.

Certainly, the prospects for an immediate upturn in the group's existing trading fortunes look bleak. Intense competition seems to be the main problem and the best that can be hoped for is that Metal Box holds its own in the second half.

The shares closed down 22p at 526p and recognize that there is not an awful lot to go for in the short term. This is not the time to be heavy in Metal Box.

Wolseley-Hughes

Wolseley-Hughes is taking a lot in trust with its £55 million acquisition of Carolina Builders Corporation. First, Wolseley Hughes must trust that there are no skeletons in the cupboard of Carolina Builders after five years of unaudited accounts there. Second, it must trust that the American house-building cycle still has some steam left in it.

Wolseley-Hughes management's natural exuberance about the deal is understandable, but it seemed slightly overdone. There was a suspicion that the seller was a little too willing.

In theory the deal looks quite good for Wolseley-Hughes. Caroline Builders' chain will run parallel to its operations in the "sunshine belt" and offers a well-established toe-hold in what is still an important market. However, there is little natural synergy from the takeover and if Wolseley-Hughes is to expand the chain it will require substantial capital investment.

Set against that, Carolina Builders has a good, albeit unaudited, profit record. Pretax profits have risen from $2.9 million (£2.03 million) to $11.1 million in four years and in the six months to June 30 were $7.1 million.

Net assets at June 30 were $25.9 million, a third of the price Wolseley-Hughes is paying. However, incuded in those net assets are secured loans to customers of $38 milion. That is quite a commitment to the American house-building industry.

Wolseley-Hughes is financing the deal through a vendor placing. This runs contrary to the group's stated intention of raising equity finance through rights issues, but the benefits of merger accounting which a vendor placing permits are, it seems, sufficient to overrule this bold principle.

It leaves the Wolseley-Hughes balance sheet as firm as ever and, with no dilution resulting from the deal, shareholders have little to complain about on that front. Its shares closed up 5p at 510p.

But this reflects more the ease with which the placing to finance the deal was carried out than a vote of confidence in a deal which still has a lot to prove.

Barker & Dobson

The clutch of announcements from the troubled confectionery group, Barker & Dobson, yesterday were interpreted as marginally favourable overall and the shares gained ½p to 12p.

The £4.9 million acquisition of the marmalade maker, James Keiller, will add a new production plant and Barker will be able to sell Keiller's strong brands through its more developed sales network.

The commissioning of new equipment will, however, mean Keiller will have made a loss in the year to October 31, against a pretax profit of £107,000 in 1984.

The £5.2 million net rights issue is needed, partly to fund Keiller and partly to pay back £2.73 million to Martin the Newsagent, which bought Barker's 150 Lewis Meeson newsagents shops in June.

Far higher losses than expected at Lewis has reduced the net asset basis on which the purchase formula was based, making the £7.5 million deposit paid by Martin far too high.

Trading losses at Lewis mushroomed to £5.9 million in the 29 weeks to July 19, against a previous profit of £749,000.

The Lewis losses are now behind Barker and Mr John Fletcher, the new managing director, will be concentrating on reducing the cost base and increasing sales in the traditional sweets business.

The confectionery side's losses also increased in the first-half, so Mr Fletcher certainly has his work cut out.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Bid talk lifts BHS shares to peak

By Derek Pain and Cliff Feltham

British Home Stores' shares shot up to a peak in the stock market yesterday as speculation mounted that it will be the next high street takeover target.

Mr Jim Power, deputy managing director, admitted his bid defences had been in place for sometime. "A substantial business like ours has to be arrogant to assume it doesn't need some defence mechanism. It is our responsibility to ensure that if we are set about we are in a position to do everything possible for our shareholders."

The shares jumped 14p at one stage to a best ever 352p where the chain is valued at around £720 million before settling at 348p. Earlier this year the shares stood at 237p.

A Woolworth-style consortium bid for British Home Stores was one suggestion in the City yesterday. But most observers were tipping some of the best known high street names as possible predators with J. Sainsbury, Habitat Mothercare, Burton and Next the most popular choices.

Sainsbury yesterday declined to comment on the reports. However, a battle of the kind needed to win British Home Stores seems incompatible with Sainsbury's tendency towards organic growth.

One suggestion yesterday was that the brokers Hoare Govett and Laing and Cruickshank were behind the buying in BHS. Hoare Govett declined to comment.

One leading stores analyst said: "If someone wants to expand into the high street in a big way there is only one business left to buy and that is BHS. There is no smoke without fire and something is clearly going on but the sharp rise in the price is likely to send people back to ground for a time."

A bright start was clouded by the sudden appearance of determined profit-takers and ripples of disappointment with the Metal Box profits. But despite a midday dip prices perked up in late trading.

The FT–SE share index, which finished at a closing peak, started up 5.9 points, retreated to show a 2.2 points decline in the early afternoon but finished at 1,405.1 points, up 1.2 points.

Government stocks improved by up to £⅞ helped by the public sector borrowing requirement figures and the exhaustion of the Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 "tap".

Oils were among the best performers, still helped by firmer crude prices. British Petroleum rose 15p to 585p at one time. Its third quarter results are expected on Thursday.

Cable & Wireless, with interim figures today, improved 5p to 635p. The group is expected to produce pretax profits of about £135 million against £109 million. The figures will be scanned for clues about the C & W share sale which is expected next month. The sale is expected to raise about £900 million.

Courtaulds, the textile group which is also reporting interims today, was hit by worries that profits will no come up to best expectations and shares slipped 4p to 163p.

Breweries were in the limelight with Elders producing its formal offer for Allied-Lyons, down 1p at 285p, and Scottish and Newcastle Breweries rolling out its £125 million offer for Matthew Brown, the Blackburn brewery. Scottish, which already owned 14.9 per cent of Matthew Brown, picked up nearly 2.5 per cent more of the company in the market.

Matthew Brown shares rose 2p to 542p and Scottish eased 5p to 171p.

Mercury Securities, the financial conglomerate exhanging cross words with Mr Saul Steinberg, the American financier, rose a further 15p to 768p. Akroyd & Smithers, the jobbers where Mr Steinberg has acquired 100,000 shares, was 10p better at 570p.

Suggestions that it may be time to consider buying electricals ignited a flurry in the sector.

STC was 4p better at 86p, Amstrad rose 9p to 167p on upgraded profit estimates, with Acorn and Apricot showing 7p and 10p gains respectively.

Confirmation of a German acquisition helped Electrocomponents to put on 3p at 363p.

World of Leather made a polished debut to the USM at 151p against the issue price of 128p.

The leisure group Brent Walker held steady at 123p on confirmation of its plans to develop Brighton Marina with the Dee Corporation taking space for a seven acre superstore. However, the shares are still trailing behind their 130p launch price.

Elsewhere, sentiments improved at Barratt Developments, up 4p to 118p and close to a year's High. Not so long ago the shares were languishing at 66p.

There was a 7p rise at 220p in the price of the Lancashire based printing and graphics company Wolstenholme Rink. The company is backing an American idea for turning out coloured copies of photocopies but one broker was advising caution at current levels until there is more evidence of success.

Britannia Arrow Holdings, the finance group, issued its expected rejection of the Guiness Peat offer. The shares were unchanged at 146p.

Reorganization proposals helped Johnson & Firth Brown, the specialist engineer, improved 5p to 29p Geevor Tin relinquished 7p to 87p on the tin crisis.

Extel, the financial information group, gave up 15p to 350p ahead of interim figures due on Thursday. British Printing & Communications Corporation eased 5p to 181p.

Gratten the mail order company, held steady at 368p after an £850,000 deal to acquire a chain of 13 discount stores called Multisaver in the north of England.

Elsewhere in the sector, Freemans was up 4p at 372p while Empire Stores slipped 2p at 150p.

International City Holdings, The money broker which came to market last week, continued to perform disappointingly. The shares, sold at 190p, were at one time down to 180p. They finished at 188p, down 3p on the day.

Shares of A. Caird & Sons, the Scottish property group born out of a troubled retailing business, rose 4p to 39p yesterday as ambitious Cardiff Property increased its shareholding to 15.5 per cent. Duta Holdings, which is related to Cardiff, has a further 6.4 per cent stake.

Lucas Industries eased 2p to 468p yesterday although Mr Bill Troup, analyst at W Greenwell & Co, the broker, predicts current year profits of £100 million with £130 million next year. In its last year Lucas made £57.8 million.

Full voting shares of Aquascutum Group, the clothing business, have climbed 50p to 155p in a week as take over speculation has mounted. But the shareholdings associated with Mr Gerald Abrahams, chairman, would appear to be strong enough to see off any unwanted bidder.

Wolseley-Hughes, the heating and plumbing equipment group, closed 5p higher at 510p. To pay for the company's acquisition of Caroline Builders *Corporation 11 million shares* were placed at 570p.

Woodhouse & Rixson (Holdings), the forgemaster, gained 4½p to 45½p on a tip sheet recommendation. **Ashley Industrial Trust**, where an acquisition is expected soon, jumped 11p to 61p, a new peak.

Insurance were dull although **Pearl Assurance** improved 10p to 1,388p on the sale of its Monarch Insurance Co of Ohio.

● *Trading was active on the* London traded options market yesterday with more than 16,000 bargains undertaken. Lonrho was the most heavily traded company counter with 1,784 deals. British Petroleum, British Telecom and Consolidated Gold Fields were also above 1,000. *The SE Index* recorded nearly 2,900 bargains.

COMPANY NEWS

● **BUSH RADIO:** For the year to *Aug 31, with figures in £000*, turnover was 9,852 (8,332), while the pretax profit was 1,156 (833). Earnings per share were 7.4p (5.3p). A first and final dividend of 1.2p (1p *notional*) *is being paid.*

● **PEARL ASSURANCE:** The company is launching a new subsidiary, Hallmark Insurance, to service the non-life broker market. *It will start* writing business from Jan 1.

● **SUNLIGHT SERVICE GROUP:** Through its subsidiary, Security Arrangements, the company has purchased Custodian Security for an initial consideration of £4.35 million.

● **DIPLOMA:** For the year to Sept. 30, with figures in millions of pounds, turnover was 92.3 (89.2), while the pretax profit was 15.5 (16.3). Earnings per share were 15.9p (15.3p). A final dividend of 4p (3.75p) is being paid on Jan. 6, making a total of 5.25p (5p).

● **UNITED SPRING & STEEL:** For the year to Sept 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 29,438 (24,810), while the pretax profit was 652 (275). Earnings per share were 3.85p (2.21p). A final dividend of 1.2p (nil) is being paid, making a total of 1.5p (nil).

● **SEINDON PRIVATE HOSPITAL:** For the year to July 31, with figures in £000, turnover was 1,350 (101), while the pretax loss was 51 (loss, 136). Earnings per share were 3.6p (loss, 10.1p).

APPOINTMENTS

United Biscuits: From January 1, after a big management reorganization, Mr F. W. Knight will become chief executive of a newly created division, UB Foods Europe, Mr E. L. Nocoli, managing director of UB Biscuits, Mr B. J. O'Connell, managing director of KP Foods (including retail services division), Mr K. D. Dubery, managing director of UB Frozen Foods, Mr J. H. H. Bradbury, buying director of UB Foods Europe and Mr A. Lamb, managing director of UB Foods Europe. Mr J. P. M. Wardell will undertake a full review of the Continental grocery operation and will also assume the chairmanship of Westimex, United Biscuits France and Productos Ortiz. Mr J. P. Gibson will become managing director of UB Agriculture with Mr J. T. Loughray, market research director and Mr J. F. Docker food development director. The board of management of UB Restaurants will be Mr J. Blyth, group finance director, Mr I. A. Petrie managing director of Wimpy International ad Mr A. Kiener managing director of Pizzaland International. Mr R. Selkirk will become general administration director. Mr L. H. C. Maclean will become personnel planning and development director. The board of management of UB (UK) will be: Mr R. C. Clarke, chairman, Mr J. Blyth, Mr A. G. Clark, group financial controller, and Mr D. R. J. Stewart, group secretary.

Smith Kline & French Laboratories: Mr Robert Mansfield has joined as director for new products development.

Unilever: Mr I. W. Harrison has been made head of the computing and communications group.

IBT Dubilier: Mr Alan Giles has been appointed managing director.

North Thames Gas: Mr Brian Izzard had been appointed director of corporate planning and management services.

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CBI CONFERENCE ● City attacked ● Marketing campaign ● Search for image

Campaign to raise marketing standards

In a critical look at the state of British management and marketing performance, conference decided to launch a national campaign to motivate chief executives to raise the quality of marketing of their firms to levels achieved by the most successful UK and international businesses.

Resolutions were also carried calling on companies to take steps to ensure that managers improved their professionalism, and to pay more attention to product quality and selling.

The CBI "Harrogate marketing initiative" will last through Industry Year 1986. Mr Ralph Halpern, chairman of the marketing and consumer affairs committee and chairman and chief executive of the Burton Group, said that chief executives throughout the country would be invited to seminars on marketing, limited to 25 at a time.

The need to concentrate on product quality and selling was emphasized by Mr Alf Gooding, of Gooding Group Ltd, who is chairman of CBI Wales. "Go out and sell Britain" was his message. "If that is good enough for the Prince and Princess of Wales, why is it not good enough for the rest of us?" he said.

● A resolution calling on members to give the lead in implementing the two-year Youth Training Scheme was also carried. *Mr David Cohen*, of the British Association of Professional Hairdressing Employers, called for more flexibility in the scheme so that it was tailored to individual sectors of industry and the skills they needed.

Opposition to further reductions in spending on higher education was expressed in a motion successfully moved by Sir Adrian Cadbury, of Cadbury Schweppes, who is chancellor of Aston University.

Today's debates

Conference will consider today the changing role of government, local and national. The subjects covered will be rates, on a motion opposing the introduction of a uniform business rate, support for exports, infrastructure, interest rates and pensions. Sir James Cleminson, the president, will make the closing speech.

'Nowt for nowt' policy on pay rises urged

Labour costs 'Achilles heel', Beckett says

Reports by Alan Wood, Stephen Goodwin, and Amanda Haigh

Labour costs were Britain's Achilles heel, Sir Terence Beckett, director general, said in his opening address. The unearned annual increase in pay must be stopped, he said.

"We are in Yorkshire, but the whole country needs to say it the way they would say it up here: 'You should pay nowt for nowt, from here on out'."

The CBI had forecast that the rate of inflation would fall to 3.5 per cent by mid-1986, he said. "We have a unique window of opportunity to get pay settlements down in 1986 when inflation is as low as this. If we blow the opportunity, it may not come again for a very long time."

Excessive pay settlements would undoubtedly mean that inflation could not be held at 3.5 per cent for long. The Chancellor of the Exchequer's fallback was to control inflation by putting up interest rates to force up the value of the pound. Getting pay settlements down would be a much, much better solution.

On jobs, the latest CBI survey on attitudes, published on Sunday, confirmed a great willingness to make some "sacrifice" if it would reduce unemployment. This had a higher priority than general tax cuts, he said.

Sir Terence said that he believed British recovery would be successful, but it was not an automatic process. It depended on enterprise, leadership and effective management. "Industry Year" next year, in which they must "change to succeed", was a good preparation for it.

The central problem was how to combine real growth with low inflation. "If we could successfully sustain growth all of our other difficulties would be solved. I believe we could crack the problem in the next 12 months", Sir Terence said.

British costs were all wrong. In the economy as a whole, labour costs amounted to 75 per cent of total costs. "We are paying ourselves increases that are completely out of line with those paid in West Germany, Japan and America. Our productivity improvements, which are spectacular in some cases, are, on average, no better than those being achieved over there.

"If we go on this way, more export markets will be barred to us, then our manufacturing base will be further eaten away and the jobless total will rise."

They could continue to argue with the Chancellor that he should lower interest rates and get a more competitive value for the pound, particularly against the West German mark, but salvation was to some extent in their own hands. If they got their pay increases down, the case for lower interest rates would be even more overwhelming.

The upward pressures on pay increases had never been lower. People had never been less inclined to strike. They knew that in today's economic climate there might not be a job to come back to.

On the much vaunted argument that there should be some reward for past sacrifices, the brutal truth was that many of those in work had really had their increases at the expense of those who had been out of work, Sir Terence said.

An essential component in the revolution in their thinking involved in *Change to Succeed* was the complete elimination of pay increase that were not related to achieved increases in the output of goods or services – achieved increases, not ill-defined aspirations. Those increases in output must be discounted for increases in investment and managerial effectiveness.

'Salvation in our own hands'

"If we are concerned for the future of our companies in an increasingly difficult and competitive world, the unearned annual increase on pay must be stopped. Above all, if we are sincere in our compassion for the unemployed, the unearned increase in pay must be stopped. It is a kindness to the unemployed, and those who might join their ranks in future, to say 'no' to unearned increases.

"We cannot blame the trade unions for forcing the pace," he said. "Less than one in three in the private sector are unionized. We still pay far too much attention to a going rate of 5, 6, 7 per cent. Therein lies the inertia in our thinking.



Sir Terence Beckett speaking at Harrogate yesterday.

"It was built deeply into our subconscious during the post-war years of easy wage deals and incomes policies, and we still have not yet exorcized the demon. And it is going to increase the damage to our companies and our jobs".

With low inflation would come lower costs, a bigger share of the world cake for business and with it would come growth and jobs.

To use the rate of exchange to control inflation really did have its problems. It concentrated the transmission of policy directly on to exporting companies and those competing with imports, and only consequentially on the economy as a whole.

As long as there was any inflationary pressure in the economy, however it was generated, these particular companies would feel the brunt first, and the impact on them would be hardest. the misdeeds of the whole economy would be visited on an absolutely vital third of it, including the battered manufacturing base.

"We do have to ask whether this is the right way to prepare industry – in Industry Year of all years – to make a better contribution to our balance of payments once the flow of oil begins to fall. Interest rates, after allowing for inflation, are already substantially higher than our competitors. If you want to affct next year's pay round, any wage-earner will tell you that lower mortgage payments are a powerful influence on them.

"We are not seeking a vry low rate of exchange. We certainly do need a somewhat lower pound in terms of the mark, and some progress has been made on this in the last two months. But steadiness of exchange rates is even more important. Too low a pound would regenerate inflation.

"But to have the pound swing down to $1.03 then up o -1.43 in just five months this year, a lurch of 40 per cent, causes instability and uncetainty which realy are destructive to business. If a company has a tight budget, the most it can do over and above this is to make perhaps a 4 per cent improvement in its costs.

"A swing of ten times this in export revenue of 40 per cent in six months, because of exchange rate instablity, results in unmanageable uncertainty. And it inevitably generates a 'batten-down-the-hatches' mentality rather than a policy of expansion," Sir Terence said.

For this reason, the CBI council advocated joining the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System. This would give business a more deendable basis on which to sell into European markets, and more obvious and immediate discipline on pay.

Recovery not an automatic process

In the CBI's consultations, employers would like to see general tax cuts in future, but right now most of them would prfer some of the money available in the fiscal adjustment to be spent on more infrastructure and specific projects to help the unemployed.

Increased infrastructure spending would not only create jobs in the building and construction industries straight away, but would lower the costs of transport and services, which would, in turn, improve Britain's international competitiveness and provide more real jobs in the long run as well. The CBI naturally welcomed the Government's change of tone.

Productivity was strikingly better than it was. strikes were negligible. The miners' strike the greaest industrial strike since 1926, had been decisively won. Employers had had too many defeats in the last 40 years. Rthe miners had got the message – productivity in the pits was soaring.

"People are looking for leadership. For the first time in 20 or 30 years, we have a chance to give them that lead. We must now be prepared to rise to that challenge. What we do will be vital for this country's future," Sir Terence said.

● Conference carried by a large majority a resolution urging fellow workers to recognize "That nobody owes us a living: that we have no right to expect annual wage increases: and that wage increases cannot be expected to match or exceed inflation as a matter of course", in spite of a complaint by one speaker that this was another drab instruction to the employed sector.

Action to curb City's 'worst excesses'

A call for action to curb "the worst excesses of the City" drew applause from industrialists.

Mr Colin Perry, chairman and managing director of the Birmingham Mint, told delegates that the conditions created by the City were not those in which a strategy for industrial development stood much chance.

Mr Perry moved a motion viewing with deep concern Britain's large and growing trade deficit in manufactured goods. However a minority of delegates voted against the motion's call of industry jointly with the Government to develop a strategic framework for "strengthening the worldwide competitiveness of British companies".

Mr Alan O'Hea, chairman of Colt International, said that if that was what delegates really wanted they should vote Labour.

Mr Perry, in his attack on the City, said that British companies were exposed to a world in which it seemed only short-term considerations had priority, takeover fever ruled and industrial synergy came a poor second to a fat wallet.

"This threatens to get even worse after next year's big bang in the stock market," Mr Perry, who chairs the confederation's West Midlands region, said.

"Every day life in public company boardrooms will become full of greenmailers, arbitrageurs, consortium bids, junk bonds, and poison pills. Indeed it is already happening."

Mr O'Hea urged the conference to "have nothing whatsoever to do with this frightening and dangerous resolution."

He said that he did not know what was meant by a strategic framework. "It seems to me like another national plan complete with the ghost of George Brown."

What industrialists wanted was a little encouragement and the minumum of regulation.

"We want the lowest inflation rates and the lowest taxes consistent with still lower inflation coupled with stable exchange rates. I believe we can look after our own competitiveness without inviting the Government to do the job for us."

The debate on competitiveness in manufactures formed part of a conference session entitled Management for Change. Setting the scene for the session Sir Austin Pearce, chairman of British Aerospace and also of the confederation's industrial performance steering group, said that the responsibility for responding to the challenge of growth and for improving the competitiveness of British industry rested fairly and squarely on management shoulders.

New image for wealth creators

Delegates were unanimous in the belief that industry needs to improve its smokey image and make itself more attractive to school-leavers and graduates.

Mr David Nickson, chairman of Scttish and Newcastle Breweries and vice-president of the confederation, said they had to change the understanding and the value which British society placed on industry.

"Successive attitude surveys show the wealth creators are ranked behind those careers that seem to meet social needs and cost money to do so.

The brewery chairman moved a resolution on Industry Year 1986 which stated: "The country is nothing without industry. Industry Year will be will be nothing without us." It was carried unanimously.

Defeat for industrial laws call

A call to the Government to produce more industrial relations legislation, put forward by London regional council, was overwhelmingly rejected.

Mr Roger Farrance, of the Electricity Council, opposing the resolution, said that the CBI should get up some inspiration to make the acts work before calling for more. Pressing for more legislation now might look like employers asking for the law to do the job of management.

Instead, delegates unanimously carried resolution, also from London, congratulating the Government on its success in introducing legislation which had prompted realistic attitudes in industrial relations.

Arms factories fit for sell-off battle

By Teresa Poole

Mr Bryan Basset, chairman of the Royal Ordnance Factories which is due to be privatized next June, says a lot of "quite intelligent" people have asked him how well the maps are doing.

It could be tempting for him to make the most of the confusion between Royal Ordnance and the Ordnance Survey maps. There is no connection, but if a company seriously wants to appeal to private investors, maps are probably a better bet than guns, tanks, ammunition and explosives.

Despite the slightly confusing name, ROF will offer investors the first chance to buy shares in a British company purely concerned with arms manufacture.

"We believe we're unique in the world in that we will be an undiversified, vertically integrated, defence company," Mr Bassett said, although he has long-term plans to diversify.

ROF's history dates back to 1560 when the Royal Powder Mill was founded at Waltham Abbey, Essex. Its heyday was during the Second World War when 350,000 people were employed at 44 factories. More peaceful times, together with recent cost cutting, has reduced this to 16 sites and 18,000 staff.

ROF began to emerge from under the wing of the Ministry of Defence last year in preparation for becoming a public limited company at the beginning of 1985. In many ways it is this rather than the actual privatization which is likely to mark a long-term change.

ROF is not one among many. It has had to take over direct control of its sales, marketing and research from the MoD and, with the increased emphasis on competitive tendering for defence contracts, ROF has plunged into a cut-throat commercial world.

ROF has learnt some bitter lessons this year. It has lost two large MoD orders to rival companies. Vickers scooped the contract for armoured recovery vehicles, while another company took the Rarden cannon order.

At a time when British defence spending is set to fall in real terms, ROF looks potentially vulnerable with more than 80 per cent of sales going to the MoD.

Mr William Meaking, ROF's chief executive, said: "We recognize that with the present workforce and capapcity we need more orders".

Part of the answer is to build up exports. In the late 1970s more than half ROF's turnover went abroad. Then came the Iranian revolution in 1979 and overnight £1 billion worth of orders from Iran for battle tanks were cancelled.

But ROF is no longer so dependent on any one country; it has built up sales to the US and is now breaking into the Far East market. A £350 million battle tank contract with Saudi Arabia is also being negotiated.

ROF's privatization will for the first time allow the company to diversify away from the defence business. Oil services and explosives are two possibilities under consideration. Under government ownership, ROF has maintained a high level of spare capacity for use in times of war.

Mr Basset said: "If we are to retain any spare capacity, we will have to seek other business which will fit." He would also like the cost of retaining any extra capacity to be reflected in the prices negotiated in future with the MoD.

The company is expected to be sold for around £200 million but the final sum will depend on the 1985 results. For the nine months to January 1 of this year, ROF managed a profit of only £633,000 on turnover of £319 million because of heavy reorganization costs. For 1985 City analysts are looking for £30 million pretax, rising to £40 million next year.

ROF has always looked like one of the more difficult privatizations but the Government appears determined to sell it next year. Many of the changes to the company will not produce results until after the privatization and, in its haste to privatize, the Government is probably sacrificing a higher price.

Legal hitch in action against accountant

By Ian Griffiths

The Government may be forced to amend or even abandon its $270 million (£190 million) US law suit against the accountant, Arthur Andersen, over its work on DeLorean, the failed company, after the discovery of an obscure legal provision which could render futile the pursuit of triple damages.

Lawyers in London are trying to assess how the little-used provision, contained in the Protection of Trading Interests Act 1980, would apply to the Andersen case.

It was introduced to discourage British companies from suing each other in foreign courts in to seek greater damages. It renders multiple damages unenforceable in British courts and gives companies the right to reclaim through British courts the multiple element any damages awarded and paid in a foreign court.

There is still great uncertainty over the interpretation of the provisions, but it could result in the Government winning damages in the US only to find that it had to repay two-thirds of them in Britain.

The Government's action was brought by the Northern Ireland Department of Economic Development, and has aroused disquiet with its use of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) provisions in some parts of the law suit in order to allow it to claim treble damages.

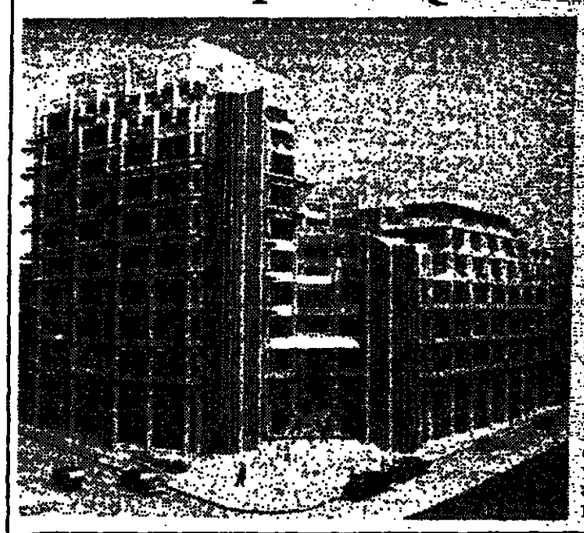
A spokesman for the Northern Ireland Department said that the action was still being pursued in the US, but he could not comment on the discovery of the legal provisions.

Meanwhile, the Treasury is understood to have had a series of meetings with Arthur Andersen, although it is unclear whether these were to discuss the termination of the legal action, or to consider future business relationships between the accountancy firm and the Government.

Andersen is not being offered any government audit work during the case, although this does not preclude it from carrying out consultancy work.

The Government is also suing Andersen in Northern Ireland and a parallel writ from DeLorean's liquidators has been issued, but not yet served. Statement of claim is being formulated at the moment, and liquidators writ is expected to be served in the next few months.

New European HQ for Merrill Lynch



Merrill Lynch, the US financial conglomerate, is to move its European headquarters to the 250,000 sq ft, £75 million building in Ropemaker Street, City of London (left), writes Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent.

The building, developed by London & Metropolitan Estates and funded by Norwich Union Insurance Group, has an investment value of £100 million. LME is the jointly owned company of London & Edinburgh Trust and Balfour Beatty.

The rent is believed to be £27 a sq. ft. It is Norwich Union's biggest single property investment to date.

Merrill Lynch is moving from its four other City locations to Ropemaker Street early in 1988. The new building will provide large trading floors and the provision of a City private client office.

COMPANY NEWS

● **BRENT WALKER HOLDINGS:** The company has confirmed its plans for a multi-million pound development of Brighton Marina and has exercised its option to purchase the marina at the agreed price of £13 million.

● **CONCENTRIC:** For the year to Sept 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 55,760 (51,460), while the pretax profit loss was 2,351 (1,624). Earnings per share were 7.45p (6.36p). A final dividend of 2.35p (2.21p) is being paid on Jan 15, making a total of 3.7p (3.48p).

● **BARTON TRANSPORT:** For the year to September 28, with figures in £000, turnover was 8,133 (7,978), while the gross profit was 1,382 (1,438). Earnings per share were 40.52p (58.32). A dividend of 18p (16p) is being paid on deffered shares.

● **AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING:** Consolidated pretax operating profits rose from Aus $528.39 million to Aus $586.48 million (about £278 million) in the year to Sept. 30. The total dividend is being raised from 30 to 31 cents a share. The bank is raising Aus $254 million (about £120 million) by a one-for-five rights issue at Aus $3.75 a share.

● **CPU COMPUTERS:** For the 53 weeks to July 5 with figures in £000, turnover was 17,594 (22.878). The pretax loss was 247 (1,916). No dividend (1.4p) is being paid.

● **DWEK GROUP:** The group is holding an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday to approve the issue of £750,000 8½ per cent convertible unsecured loan stock 1991 to Drayton Consolidated Trust.

● **AMAX:** The company has announced a public offering of 1 million shares of common stock priced at $11¼ per share. The net proceeds from the sale will be used to finance the repurchase of 100,000 shares of the company's series E preferred stock.

● **CLYDE BLOWERS:** For the year to August 31 with figures in £000, turnover was 3,376 (3,556), while the pretax profit was 218 (69). Earnings per share were 18.6p (12.5p). A final dividend of 5.99315p (5.99315p) is being paid making a total of 6.82p.

● **PERSONAL ASSETS TRUST:** For the half-year to October 31 with figures in £000, total investment income was 86 (92), while the pretax revenue was 17 (17). Earnings per share were 0.11p (0.11p).

● **ARLEN:** For the half-year to September 30 with figures in £000, turnover was 3,358 (3,297.8), while the pretax profit was 2.23 (loss 148.7). Earnings per share were 0.036p (loss 2.4p).

● **ARMOUR TRUST:** The company has completed the acquisition of Polco Ltd and Polco Products. A sum of £1.2 million has been paid in cash at completion, comprising the initial consideration.

● **HARGREAVES GROUP:** The company has bought Chemical Vessel Services, the parent company of a group engaged in specialist industrial services and pneumatic materials handling within Britain.

● **MITEL CORP:** The company has announced the restructuring of its worldwide PABX operations from regionally managed business units to a functional organization. The changes, will result in a strengthening of Mitel's manufacturing position.

● **DELYN PACKAGING:** For the half-year to August 4, with figures in £000, turnover was 2,267 (1,856), while the pretax loss was 70 (loss 35). Losses per share were 3.52p (loss 1.76p). An interim dividend of 1p (same) is being paid.

● **CAPITAL GEARING TRUST:** Results for the half year to October 5. It is anticipated that the dividend recommended for the year to April 5, 1986 w not be less than that paid for the year to April 5, 1985. Dividends and interest received £36,263 (£35,672). Pretax loss £5,242 (loss £4,751). Loss per share 0.24p (0.22p).

● **HARTWELL GROUP:** For the half-year to August 31 with figures in £000, turnover was 131,910 (109,830), while the pretax profit was 2,717 (2,519). Earnings per share were 4.47p (4.21p). An interim dividend of 0.88p is being paid on Jan 31.

● **AMAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT:** For the half-year to September 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 179,804 (75,553), while the pretax profit was 34,440 (59,141). Earnings per share were 0.21p (0.21p). No interim dividend is being paid.

● **ABERDEEN AMERICAN PETROLEUM:** The company is to buy G and D Energy, a US offshoot of Gill and Duffus. Gill was recently acquired by Dalgety. the price will be £4.75 million, to be satisfied by 4.75 million Aberdeen ordinary shares – 40 per cent of Aberdeen's capital after the deal.

● **HAMPTON TRUST:** The trust is to buy the freehold interest in 20 Albert Embankment, London, SE1, for £7.4 million.

● **ELECTROCOMPONENTS:** The company has bought Retron of Gottingen, West Germany, for 23.5 million marks (£6.3 million) in cash. Retron is a franchised distributor of electromechanical components.

● **ASSOCIATED BRITISH ENGINEERING:** For the half-year to Sept 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 13,007 (16,712), while the pretax profit was 270 (loss, 915). Earnings p share were 0.56p (3.83p loss)

RECENT ISSUES

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Colorgen Com Stk 30.01 (90a)	108
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Davidson Pearce 10p Ord (160)	176+3
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Electronic Data Proc. 5p Ord (75a)	72
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Inoco 10p Ord (55)	53
Int'l City Hldgs 25p Ord (190)	188–3
Magnetic Materials 10p Ord (144a)	100–3
Martin (Ronald) 10p Ord (90a)	98+1
Metsec 10p Ord (67a)	68
Radius 5p Ord (95a)	90–5
St Ives Group 10p Ord (330*)	470+2
Shandwick 2p Ord (175)	190
T M D Advertising 5p Ord (118a)	125
Underwoods 10p Ord (180*)	198+5
World of Leather 10p Ord (128a)	151

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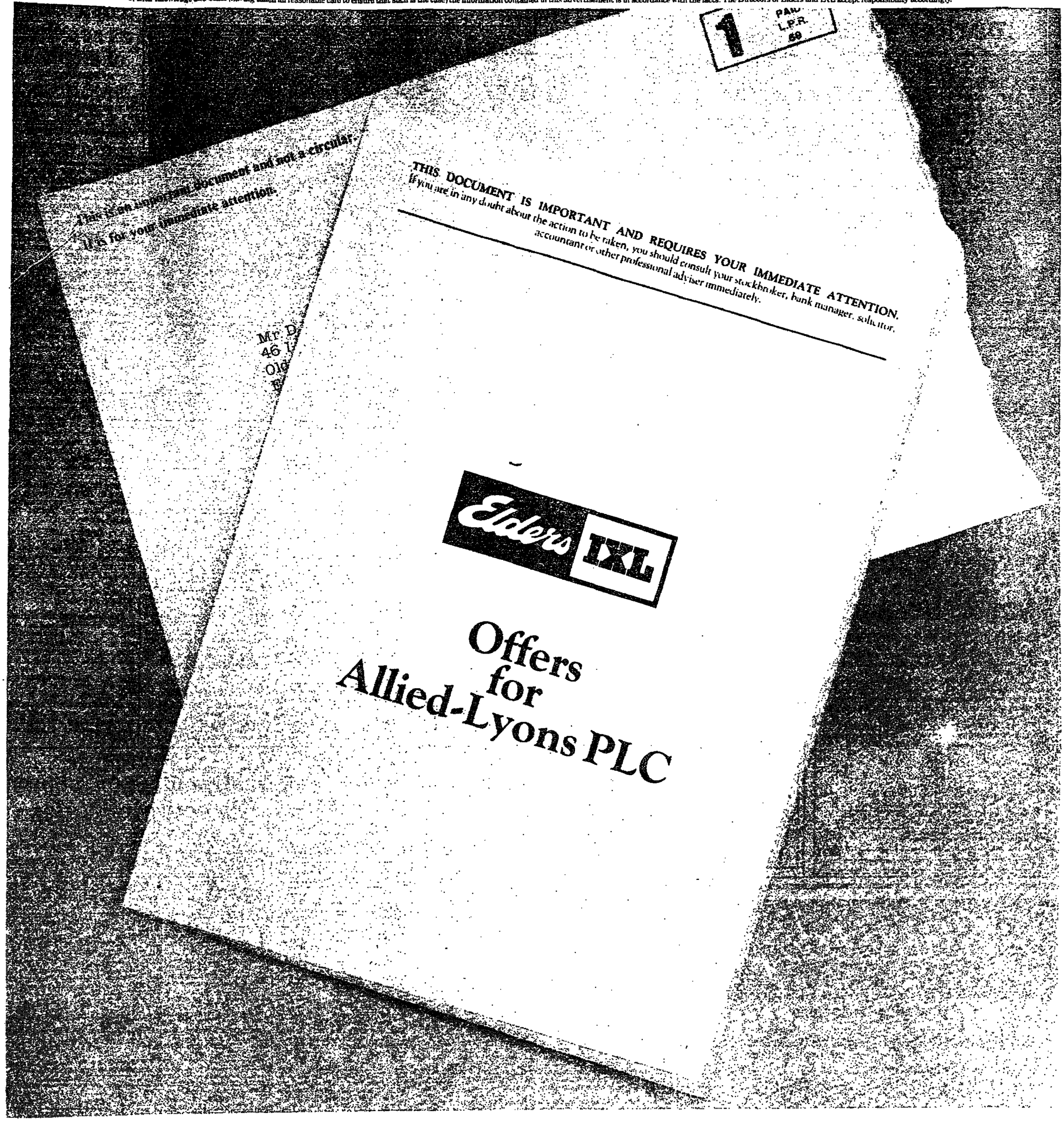
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COMMODITIES REVIEW

Ethics decline in the tin market's soap opera

A distinguished gentleman in City commodity dealing once remarked to me that he had pulled out of an operation in a particular developing country. Since his company had once set great store by this business I asked the reason for the change. He spread his hands and said: "There has been a decline in ethics in international trade".

To addicts of the great tin soap-opera – which with every passing day gives "terminal market" an unhappy new meaning – the notion of a decline in business ethics will be familiar. Mr Jacques Lion, the chairman of the board of the London Metal Exchange, explained last week to the LME's first press conference: "We are concerned here with the default of the agent of 22 sovereign nations".

But just in case anyone is not familiar with the story, allow me briefly to recapitulate. On October 24 the International Tin Council told the LME that its buffer stock, which was supposed to support the tin price, would suspend operations indefinitely. It had run out of money.

Threatened with a market collapse, the LME suspended tin trading in turn. No help was forthcoming, the ITC gathered and came to no serious conclusion. The LME threatened to reopen the market yesterday, but a last-minute offer from the banks diverted it from that course. The ITC will assemble again tomorrow.

Put like that, it seems an open and shut case. Whatever the ITC's intention – if it has one – the announcement that for all practical purposes it would pay for 62,000 tonnes of tin due to be delivered by January 23 as and when possible looks like a default. For that reason several of the ITC's creditor banks have put the council technically into default. The fact that the tin was bought at an average price of £8,900 a tonne, or a handsome £550 million, makes the default all the more painful, although not necessarily less ethical than a default of £1. The ITC's members have compounded the sin by their apparent reluctance to assume in principle their debts.

But is it that simple? There is, critically, a problem of timing. However the ITC got into this terrible mess, it will certainly take plenty of time to extricate itself or be extricated. That is not an ethical matter; it is the way international bodies work. The ITC has not refused to pay. Indeed, I still cling to the fond belief that eventually it will. The council's protagonists, moreover, point out that the right to suspend the buffer stock if funds are exhausted is clearly laid out in the rules.

When LME brokers transacted business with the buffer stock manager – often very profitably – they know all this. Nevertheless, there is little consolation to the exchange in the possibility of an "eventual" settlement.

I have some doubts about whether the matter is quite as urgent as the LME claims: the volume of metal trading outside the LME is very low, even after almost four weeks.

But without question the exchange is suffering. Volume is less than half normal, at the time of year known to market buffs as the mating season, when producers try to fix their contracts in copper and aluminium especially, for the 12 months ahead. The reduced volume is mainly liquidation. The urge to restore what Mr Michael Brown, the LME's chief executive, described as a "routine, *vin ordinaire*, free market" is wholly understandable.

Yet the different and perhaps antagonistic time-scales on which the LME and the ITC work is not of itself an ethical matter. Rather, it is part of the distinction of purpose and approach which makes relations between the two organizations so prickly. I would not rate highly the chances of those firms considering legal action against the ITC on the grounds of disruption to their business.

Nor has the LME covered itself in ethical glory. Only after three weeks did senior officials announce publicly that members had not said they would not pay their debts in the event of the ITC failing completely.

The point is crucial because the LME's reputation as a principals' market rests on the integrity of the members. Declining to commit oneself for the tactical reason of not wanting to tell the ITC that someone else would pick up its obligations is not an ethical position in the way that the LME has wanted to elevate the argument.

Judgement – if there can and should be such – will await the outcome. It may not be this week. But for the moment the most honourable participants are the commonly reviled banks. True, they have £900 million to protect. But their terms are not extortionate: essentially a bit more margin, and guarantees from the ITC and LME members alike that they meet their commitments. If either group is unable to comply, the decline in ethics in international trade will need no further confirmation.

Michael Prest

TENNIS: NO APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE OF PAST AS PRESENT AND FUTURE MEET

The fall and rise of Becker

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

West Germany's television viewers had to choose their sport on Sunday. They could watch their national football team play Czechoslovakia or they could stay with Boris Becker on another channel. It seems that Becker won that conflict of interest with a lot more to spare than either Ivan Lendl had in beating him 6-7, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 in the final of the Benson and Hedges championships at Wembley.

The only other five-set final in these championships occurred in 1981 when Jimmy Connors beat John McEnroe in a match that was often unpleasant. These two were not missed this year, which brings to mind an Irish friend's comment that the only thing worse than being indispensable is being dispensable.

McEnroe, aged 26, is young enough and good enough to regain his world supremacy if he is willing to submit to rigorous physical preparation. Failing that, the present seems to lie with Lendl and the future with Becker, Mats Wilander and possibly Stefan Edberg, though Henri Leconte may give us more pleasure than any of them.

Becker will have his eighteenth birthday on Friday. This year he has lost all his three matches with Lendl and both his matches with McEnroe, who conceded only seven games on each occasion. Lendl and McEnroe are unlikely to improve but Becker will. His forehand volley is technically shaky and he is so big that he will always have to work hard on his footwork.

Moreover, Becker has much to learn about playing on shale, as was evident when Wilander beat him 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 in the French championships. Wilander, aged 21, is himself improving. He holds the Australian and French titles but tends to be at his best only on the big occasions and consequently is underrated. His clash with Becker in the forthcoming Davis Cup final should be interesting.

The thrilling Wembley final featured three of Becker's spectacular, now familiar falls. He does these rather well, reminding me of a rock-climber who used to fall off deliberately in order to demonstrate that it could be done without incurable damage. But Becker's falls were a reminder, too, that there has recently been a worrying spate of ankle injuries: three in Antwerp and three more at Wembley. Dan Maskell reckons that shoes with smooth soles may be the best precaution.

Lendl once played a two-handed backhand volley presumably because he suspected that one arm might not be strong enough to withstand the ferocity of Becker's return. These powerful players were obviously the stars of the show. But David Pate will be remembered for beating Edberg and Joakim Nystrom and then taking a set from Lendl; and Ramesh Krishnan's tennis was, as usual, an aesthetic delight.

We shall also remember the new, jacked-up high chair for umpires and the more familiar sight of rain-water dripping from the roof of the old stadium. Presumably its new owners will address themselves to the truism that, even in Britain, it is not supposed to rain indoors.

Lendl and Johan Kriek joined the list of players who have complained about smoke in the stadium. As a courtesy to the players, spectators are repeatedly asked not to use flashes when taking photographs. It would be reasonable to request a similar courtesy from smokers. Those who want to smoke could do so while stretching their legs on the adjacent promenades.



A glimpse of the future sitting out the present: Becker assumes that now familiar posterior position before he finally falls to Lendl at Wembley. (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Germans on the carpet

Bonn (Reuter) – West Germany's chances of taking the Davis Cup from Sweden in Munich next month lessened yesterday when they learnt that they would be unable to use the super-fast surface which helped them reach the final.

The Swedish firm who specially designed and produced the surface for last month's 5–0 semi-final win over Czechoslovakia in Frankfurt said they would not provide it for the final, as planned., The carpet was designed to play as nearly as possible to grass, the favourite surface of Boris Becker.

Boltex, the firm concerned, said Becker's manager, Ion Tiriac, who is arranging sponsorship for the final, had asked them to pay £16,500 to lay the carpet in Munich's Olympia Halle. They were not prepared to do this.

A West German firm will provide the carpet for the final but it will not be as fast. This is a handicap for the West Germans, whose two singles players, Becker and Michael Westphal, are big hitters with a strong preference for quick surfaces. The final is from December 20 to 22.

Slow on the draw

Sydney (AP) – Next week's New South Wales Women's Open had to be drawn again after Britain's Jo Durie had been left out of the original list. Durie is seeded 11th.

MOTOR RACING

Alfa make a comeback as supplier of engines

By John Blunsden

When Alfa Romeo return to grand prix racing in 1987 after their one-year withdrawal which was announced last Friday, it will only be as a supplier of engines, not as a racing team.

A company spokesman said yesterday "Along with other major car manufacturers, we feel it is no longer appropriate for a company of our size to be directly involved in such a specialized activity as formula one racing. It is more beneficial to provide our considerable technical resources to other racing teams, and this we intend to do in 1987 after a year spent in developing our new four cyclinder engine."

The new Alfa Romeo power unit, which weighs 126 kgs (some 70 kg less than their 1985 V8 engine) is producing 830 bhp when tuned to a level of fuel consumption appropriate to the new 195 litre limit imposed for 1986. (The fuel capacity limit in 1985 was 220 litres per race.)

Alfa Romeo will continue the development of their new engine, of which six examples have already been built, using initially an interim chassis which will either be manufactured in-house or bought from an outside supplier. The testing programme in which the initial driving would be carried out by Giorgio Francia, the company's chief tester, will take place at the company's private track at Balocca and also on selected European circuits. Negotiations are already taking place with existing teams for the use of the engine in 1987 but there is no question of its appearing in public in a car during the coming season.

Alfa Romeo's 1985 drivers, Riccardo Patrese and Eddie Cheever, have been released from their contracts. Patrese is expected to return to Brabham alongside Elio de Angelis, while Cheever has put together a programme of Indy Car racing in the United States.

Alfa Romeo had the distinction of being involved in the first-ever world championship won by Dr Guiseppi Farina in 1950, but the company withdrew from Formula One racing at the end of the following season, after winning second championship with Juan Manuel Fangio. The company returned to the grand prix scene in 1978 but for the past two seasons their cars have been run on their behalf by the independent Euro-racing team.

SQUASH RACKETS

Jahan finds a place in England squad

By Colin McQuillan

Geoff Williams, who withdrew at the last minute from the England squad travelling to Egypt yesterday because of the knee injury which stopped him defending his title at last week's national championships, is replced at third string by Hiddy Jahan – who was born in Pakistan – and who refused to play in the national championships.

It has always been understood by English players that entry in the national closed championships was a mandatory pre-condition of England selection. The Squash Rackets Association said yesterday that such conditions only apply to players already selected for the England team. Since Jahan was not selected at the time of the nationals, he has not disqualified himself from playing for his adopted country.

David Lloyd, the Shropshire lad, tipped by many as a future world champion, was apparently offered a place in the England team for Egypt but, like Jahan, preferred the big prize money and world ranking points available at the Swiss Masters to securing selection by playing in the concurrent national championship, thus disqualifying himself under the newly-stated SRA ruling.

Rumours were strong at Bristol last week that the fluid problem with Williams' right knee would extend beyond the national championships after his unexpected return to competition only five weeks after cartilege surgery. But most people expectd Gawain Briars, Philip Kenyon, the new national champion and Jamie Hickox, the Under 23 champion, to be joined by David Pearson or Martin Bodimeade, both of whom performed exceptionally well at Bristol.

Jahan was always adamant that he was keen to play for his country but, as a professional player, he could not ignore the earning potential in Switzerland. Yesterday he professed strong sympathy for Williams but admitted he was delighted to be called into the England squad. "This is because I am playing very well and enjoying a run of good results". He beat Greg Pollard, the world No 5, in the first round of the Swiss Masters after impressive performances on the new north American circuit and a string of wins in the American Express Premier League that put newly-promoted Ardleigh Hall ahead of the pack.

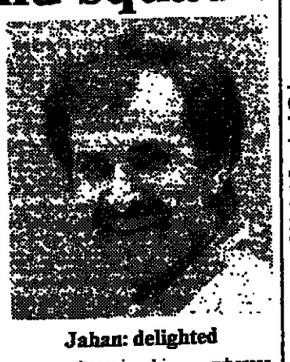
Pollard will probably play at first string for Australia in the world team championships whereas Jahan, on world rankings, goes straight into Williams' third string England slot behind Briars and Kenyon. It is the reverse of e order played at the last world championships in New Zealand two years ago when England finished as runners up to Pakistan after Jahan took up long-standing residential qualifications for naturalization.

It is said that Pakistan will this time drop both Qamar Zaman and Maqsood Ahmed, his brother-in-law, to introduce Sohail Qaiser and Jamshed Khan, the teenager, behind the first string might of of Jahangir Khan. If this is so, selection of an in-form Hiddy Jahan at third string, with Philip Kenyon still qualifying for second string despite a stunning return to form this year, makes England ideally balanced to overturn Pakistan this time.

New Zealand are led by Ross Norman, the new world No 2, and Stuart Davenport, who took five games to defeat Jahan in Switzerland, but they are weak below that. Australia have lost Chris Dittmar to an injury similar to Williams and are rather between generations after the fading of Dean Williams.

Much will be learned from the individual world Open which starts tomorrow in Cairo and leads straight into the team championships on November 27. But the replacement of Williams by Jahan at this stage in both their careers probably strengthens rather than weakens chances of emulating the English women's world team triumph in Dublin last August.

The decision will also satisfy Jahan's professional instincts. Already in Cairo at his own expense for the world Open, he will now be included in the ICI sponsorship of the England team



Jahan: delighted

HOCKEY

Britain can earn a medal

From Sydney Friskin
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Great Britain	2
The Netherlands	0

A lot of hard ground has yet to be covered in the Champions Trophy tournament here but Britain's victory over The Netherlands yesterday left them with a fair chance of winning a medal. Their three remaining matches are against Australia on Thursday, Pakistan on Saturday and India on Sunday.

Yesterday's game was simply a matter of defence being the best means of attack. Britain capitalized on two short corners and sewed the game up, leaving the Dutch thoroughly frustrated. They have now lost to Britain on four successive occasions.

It was the result that mattered, not so much the way it was achieved. Defending the system, David Whitaker, the coach said: "In the intense heat it was going to be a tactical battle with success going to the team holding possession. "Roger Self, the manager, described Britain's game as "matured performance, a good foundation to prepare for struggles against three sides who are used to the heat".

For 17 minutes there was little to excite the moderate crowd. The only thrill was provided by Batchelor whose back pass from the right led to a scramble near goal. But in the 20th minute Britain forced a short corner from which they obtained their first goal. Barber's shot from the top of the circle was saved by the Dutch goalkeeper who, in a state of temporary paralysis, allowed Batchelor to dash in and score.

Five minutes after the interval Britain were awarded another short corner from which the second goal was scored in similar circumstances, Duthie nipping in this time to put the finishing touch. For the next 15 minutes Britain looked more dangerous on the breaks.

In the last 15 minutes the Dutch made two changes and put more life into their play but they could not get past the full backs, Martin and Barber, let alone Taylor, the goalkeeper

Pakistan and The Netherlands, both of whom have not yet earned a point, meet in the second match today. Earlier, India will play West Germany.

GREAT BRITAIN: I Taylor; S Martin, P Barber, J Potter, R Dodds, W McConnell, S Batchelor, R Leman (sub D Faulkner) K Bhaura (sub M Grimley), R Clift, J Duthie.
THE NETHERLANDS: F Leistra; T Kruize, R Klaassen, F Blarns, B van Kersbergen, M Bennings, M Schaeffers (sub E Lenevitet), C Diepeveen, M van Climbergen, J-H Kruize, R J Hein (sub B Wetterings).
Umpires: S Deo (Spain) and M Ooaldullah (India).

STANDINGS

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Australia	2	2	0	0	6	2	4
West Germany	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Great Britain	2	1	1	0	3	1	3
India	2	1	0	1	9	5	2
Pakistan	2	0	0	2	5	2	0
The Netherlands	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

RUGBY UNION

England seek props to contain Wales

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Wade Dooley and John Orwin, partners in England's second row last season, head in different directions this week in the service of their respective employers. Dooley is a member of the British Police side which meets the New Zealand Combined Services on the Cardiff club ground tomorrow in his normal position of lock, while Orwin is due to play right-head prop for Combined Services against the Public Schools Wanderers at Aldershot on Thursday evening.

With the wealth of locks, particularly from the north country, that England have at their disposal, it might be considered a useful exercise to see Orwin at prop, the position where England considered playing him – in the end they did not – in New Zealand last summer, but I doubt if the present England selectors see matters in that light.

As essentially practical men, they know that when England meet Wales at Twickenham on January 18, England will have to take on a powerful front five and they will not do that with players who are novices in the front row. As the associate and divisional directors stump their respective parts of the country, they will be watching men who are proven club props demonstrating their worth in a position which is one of England's problems.

One selector said: "The new scrummaging laws got everyone in a state of euphoria. People were thinking about putting their number two line-out jumper in at tight-head prop to increase their options, but the reality is being able to stay in touch with scrummagers like those Wales will have in their front row. You can have all the talent in the backs you like, but if you can't give them a decent ball, it won't count."

Two very old scrummaging heads will examine Cambridge University's qualities in the annual match against M R Steele-Bodger's XV at Grange Road on November 27. Wheeler, the Leicester hooker, and Sheppard, the Bristol prop, will join forces with Henderson, Rosslyn Park's captain, in a formidable front row.

The international days of the first two may be behind them now, but they remain tremendous competitors. Henderson, a considerable ball player, and an England under-23 representative, is not apparently regarded as a good enough scrummager to enter into London's divisional plans, but his many talents should be plain to see against Cambridge.

The invitation side will be captained by Ridley, Henderson's club colleague, who is also due to lead Major Stanley's XV against Oxford University at Iffley Road tomorrow. Mullin, the Irish centre, is another who has accepted invitations to play against both Oxford and Cambridge and he will be joined in the latter match by six Blues: Rose, Patterson-Brown, Smith, Andrew and Moon in the backs; Macklin in the forwards.

The inclusion by Micky Steele-Bodger of Patterson-Brown and Macklin is lso an acknowledgement of two promising young men from London Scottish, while a third Anglo-Scot, Gray (Nottingham), is also pressing for a place in the B team to play Italy B in Glasgow on December 7.

The New Zealand Combined Services regard the match with the British Police as the first big test of their eight match tour, partly because the police occupy such a prominent role in their own inter-services tournament in New Zealand. Having already disposed of the RAF, the New Zealanders beat the Army 37-6 at Aldershot on Sunday, McLean their full back scoring a try and kicking five penalties and three conversions.

The British Police – if all were available – select nine internationals, but hav to content themselves (because of injury and exigencies of the service) with only one, Dooley. Richards, the Leicester No. 8, and the outstanding player in the 29-29 draw between the Police and the Combined Services last month, has had to withdraw, but there is a solid nucleus of seven South Wales policemen remaining.

M R STEELE-BODGER'S XV (v Cambridge University, November 27): M Rose (Harlequins and England); T Patterson-Brown (London Scottish), R Ackerman (Cardiff and Wales), B Mullin (Dublin University and Ireland), S Smith (Wasps and England), R Andrew (Nottingham and England), R Moon (Nottingham), S Henderson (Rosslyn Park), P Wheeler (Leicester and England), A Sheppard (Bristol and England), A Kear (Saracens), C Gray (Nottingham), A Ridley (Rosslyn Park and England), G Rees (Nottingham and England), J Macklin (London Scottish).
BRITISH POLICE: (v New Zealand Combined Services tomorrow): N Hards (South Wales Police), C Barber (SWP), K Jones (SWP), D Jones (SWP), N Heslop (Merseyside), A Hughes (SWP), N Whitehouse (SWP), N Heslop (Merseyside), A Hughes (SWP), N Whitehouse (SWP), M Linnett (West Midlands), S Davies (SWP), D Barham (Metropolitan Police), G Smith (Leicestershire), R Joyce (Leicestershire), W Dooley (Lancashire), A Matthews (Devon and Cornwall), S Gallagher (Merseyside).

IN BRIEF

London players' breakthrough

Five players from the home counties are through to the quarter-finals of the world amateur snooker championships which start today. Two players from Malta and an Indian completed the line-up when the last of the group were completed yesterday, but both Robert Marshall and Terry Whitthread had to rely on other players pulling them through.

Marshall only went into the last eight because Gary Lackenby, of Australia, has conceded one more frame after losing 4-3 in his last match to Paul Mifsud. And Whitthread would have been out of contention had Thailand's Tongchai Saelim, of Thailand, not lost his final group match 4-3 to Jim McNellan, of Scotland.

Quarter-final draw: J Grech (Malta) v G Seghi, of India; P Mifsud (Malta) v T Whitthread (England), M Bennett (Wales) v D John (Wales); J McNellan (Scotland) v R Marshall (England).

GOLF

Veil is drawn over Sun City field

Johannesburg (Reuter) – Organizers of next month's Sun City tournament, one of the richest in the world, are keeping secret the names of the 10 entrants. "With all the pressure on sportsmen not to come to Southern Africa, the management has taken the viw not to put extra pressure on the players," a tournament spokesman sayd yesterday. "We are not announcing any of the names until the Saturday before they arrive."

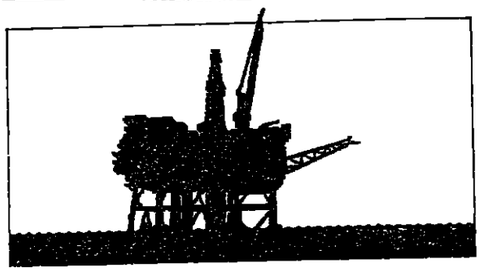
By that time, he said, most of the ayers would be in Sun City or on their way there. The tournament, which begins on December 5, is being staged at a casino-hotel complex in Bophuthatswana, a fragmented black homeland declared an independent state by South Africa but unrecognized by any other country.

The 10 golfers are defyg international sports boycotts by playing in Sun City, breaking a world agreement to shun this racially divided state.

Watson's new post

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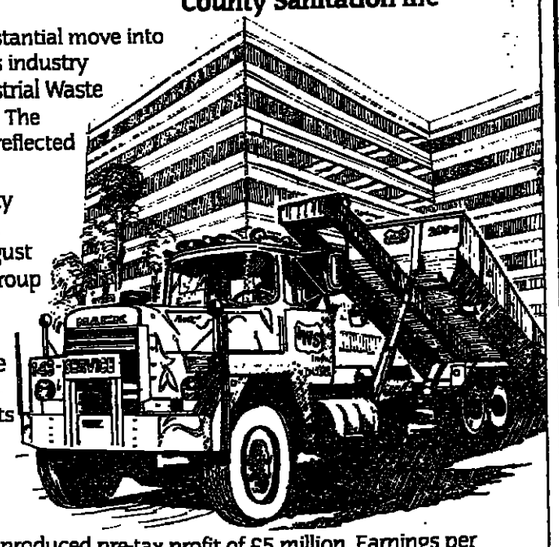
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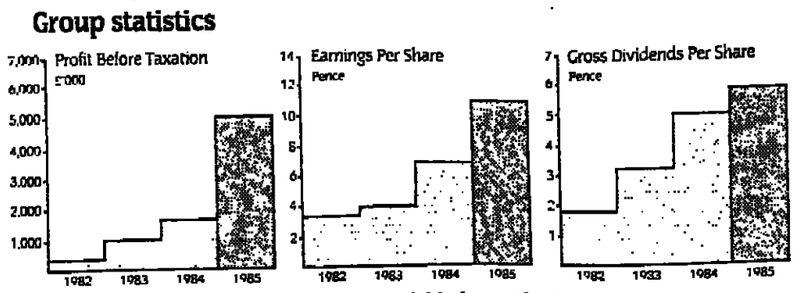
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FOOTBALL: GIANT-KILLERS MEET AN OLD ENEMY IN DERBY COUNTY

Telford manager is hoping to assuage painful memories

By Paul Newman

Stan Storton, the Telford United manager, has collection of video tapes of his side's FA Cup giant-killing exploits over the last four season. There is only one he never enjoys seeing again: the 3-2 defeat way to Derby County in the fourth round two season ago.

"Everything went against us that night," Storton said yesterday. "The video shows their second goal was offside, and that we were denied a blatant penalty. We hit a post at a crucial stage when it was 1–1, and we even gave thme their first goal with a dreadful back pass. I've never seen a team as bitter and upset as my lads were after that game."

Next month, Storton and his team will have the chance to ease some of those unhappy memories, for in yesterday's draw for the second round of this season's competiton, the Gola league club were drawn away to the same opponents. A crowd of 21,488, including several thousand Telfords supporters, saw the previous encounter, and another big gate is expected for the most attractive tie of the day on December 7.

"It is the toughest draw we could have had," Storton said. "There are the biggest club in the competition at this stage, but we won't be overawed. We've knocked out nine League sides in the last four seasons, and that reasons, and that record speaks for itself. I know we are capable of beating them. I am only sorry that we've been drawn away for the ninth time in out last 11 ties."

Derby were struggling in the second division when the sides last met, but they have since made sweeping changes and are now challenging for promotion from the third division. Seven of the Telford team who played two years ago are likely to be on duty again, and one of the Shropshire club's newcomers will also have personal reasons for wanting to do well. When John McGinty was at VS Rugby (Southern League) earlier this year he turned down Derby's offer of professional terms and joined Telford instead, because he wanted to continue playing on a part-time basis.

The draw yesterday brought back altogether happier recollections for Altrincham, one of Telford's recent predecessors as the Cup's most feared giant-killers. Altrincham, the Gola League leaders, will be hoping for a repeat of their 1–0 victory at Blackpool in last season's first round, when they return to Bloomfield Road next month. However, their task could prove more difficult this time a Blackpool won promotion from the fourth division at the end of last season and now lie second in the third division.

The draw has generally been unkind to the non-League clubs, although at least one will reach the third round as Wycombe Wanderers are paired with Chelmsford City. In addition, Windsor and Eton, Dartford, Morecombe and Bishop's Stortford all have the incentive of home ties against non-League sides if they can win their replays against League opponents this week.

● Joe Wojciechowicz, manager of Morecambe, has been over-ruled by his directors over the venue for today's FA Cup replay against York. Wojciechowicz and his players wanted to go back to York where they drew 0-0 on Saturday, but the board have opted for Maine Road, Manchester, which they feel is easier for their supporters.

● Reading's attendance for their FA Cup first round tie against Wealdstone on Saturday has been officially corrected from 7,169 to 6,460. Season ticket holder were counted twice in error.

SECOND ROUND

Hartlepool United v Frickley Athletic or Halesowen; Blackpool v Altrincham; Mansfield Town or Port Vale v Walsall; Notts County v Wrexham; Rotherham United v Burnley; Runcorn or Boston v Wigan Athletic; York City or Morcambe v Whitby Town; Derby County v Telford United; Scunthorpe United v Rochdale; Tranmere Rovers or Chesterfield v Bury; Gillingham v Bognor Regis; Wycombe Wanderers v Chelmsford; Plymouth Argyle v Maidstone United; VS Rugby or Orient v Slough or Aylesbury; Reading v Hereford United; Newport County v Windsor and Eton or Torquay United; Swindon Town or Bristol City v Exeter City; Swansea City v Bristol Rovers; Bishop's Stortford or Peterborough United v Bath; Bournemouth or Dartford v Dagenham.

Ties to be played on December 7.



Hateley and Francis (right): a difficult week for the England men with their Italian clubs

England forwards slip behind

WORLD FOOTBALL
Brian Glanville

For two of the English international forwards based in Italy, the present week is likely to be a difficult one. Mark Hateley is locked in combat with A.C. Milan over his physical condition. They say he will soon be ready to play: he and his English doctors say he should not play for two months.

Trevor Francis has recently been left out of the ever-changing Sampdoria team. Next Sunday, they play an important relegation game in Como. Milan have an awkward one away to Roma.

Having watched Francis play for Sampdoria against Benfica in the Cup Winners' Cup, when he was indicrously used for an hour at orthodox centre-forward, with two other forwards wide on the wings, I spoke to him again at Old Trafford last Saturday. The Sunday after the Benfica game, which Sampdoria won 1–0 – though they went out on goal difference – Eugenio Bersellini, Sampdoria's manager, left Francis out for the home match against the struggling, newly-promoted Lecce.

This was specifically galling to Francis, because the slippery pitch was ideally suited to his game. Bersellini "explained" that he still wanted to "rotate" his strikers. The club President Mantovani – for whom Francis has long been a favourite son – told Francis he was sorry. But Francis never got off the substitutes' bench.

The Como game could be make or break for both Francis and Bersellini. Clearly, Bersellini prefers his three young strikers – Vialli, Mancini and the £2 million hefty Lorenzo – to Francis. So long as Bersellini remains in power, Francis' hopes are limited; though hopes of finding another Italian club have risen with the news that the Italians may not lift the present ban on foreign players even after the coming World Cup. But, if "Samp" went down at Como without Francis, it would be another story.

As for Hateley, he is at odds with Dr Monti, Milan's medical officer, who has insisted that his pulled thigh muscle is a two-week job, while Hateley's English advisers believe it could take two whole months.

The usually reserved and tactful Milan manager, Nils Liedholm, has expressed his dismay; he is tired, he said, of something always going wrong whenever Hateley goes back to England. Monti is furious: "The English always think that they are top of the class. "But the Milan President, Farina, though he has had a pungent remark or two to make on the subject, appears to be keeping an open mind.

Hateley himself is understandably anxious. Last season, as he bitterly recalls, he came back much too soon after a cartilage operation, and paid the penalty.

Will Paris Saint Germain's astonishing record survive this busy week? No, their 19-match unbeaten run is not an absolute record, though a couple of weeks ago there were red faces even at leared *L'Equipe* newspaper when it was announced that a record had been set up. Then it was discovered amidst general embarrassment that, many years ago, Saint Etienne had gone 21 games without defeat, even though the bulk of those were draws.

The major European match tomorrow finds the Netherlands at home to Belgium in the second leg of their World Cup play-off. In Brussels, Belgium beat the Netherlands 1–0 in a torrid game, in which the Dutch forward Kieft was sent off, early on. As Ajax's Van Basten is also suspended, it means the Netherlands must cobble an attack together. Van Loen, who has been scoring freely for Utrecht, is a candidate.

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Ferguson hints that 2-0 will be enough

Alex Ferguson, who has handled dozens of two-leg European ties with Aberdeen, now hopes that his successful club strategy rubs off on Scotland. The Scots manager leads the international side into the home and away World Cup play-off against Australia tomorrow night knowing exactly what is required. Just as in the three European club competitions, away goals will count double and extra time and penalty kicks may be required at the end of 180 minutes.

Ferguson said: "I'm working on the same principle for this game as I would with Aberdeen. That means winning the home leg and being careful not to concede a goal at Hampden. If we can get a 2-0 win we would be very difficult to beat. I think Scotland could take a two-goal lead anywhere in the world and feel confident."

Ferguson's astuteness in two-leg affairs with Aberdeen has taken the club to a European Cup Winners' Cup triumph in 1983, but he also knows about the *pitfalls*. He said: "When we played Servette in the European Cup recently we scored the opening goal then worried all night about losing one which would have knocked us out. That experience was a nightmare."

The Scots manager would prefer to have played the first leg in Melbourne rather than Glasgow but he said: "We have so much experience in our side that we should expect to win – although it doesn't enter our thinking that it will be a whitewash. Scotland don't seem able to handle things when they are over-confident and, in any case, the players know from videos of Australia just how hard they will make things for us. They compete for every ball and they are hard but fair. There is nothing nasty about them."



Archibald: fitness doubt

Ferguson is waiting for the Barcelona forward, Steve Archibald to confirm his fitness before announcing his team.

● Steve Lynex, Leicester City's unsettled winger, yesterday had his request for a transfer granted after a meeting with Gordon Milne, the club's manager.

Injuries key to victory

Arsenal and Queen's Park Rangers' chances of reaching the Milk Cup quarter-finals were strengthened yesterday with the news that their opponents are struggling to get key defenders fit. Nick Holmes, the Southampton midfield player, and Garry Birtles, the Nottingham Forest centre half, who have taken most of the credit for their team's return to form, are both given only a slim chance of making tomorrow's fourth round ties at Highbury and Loftus Road.

Holmes, whose recall to the Southampton defence coincided with the start of a seven-match unbeaten run after their 7-0 disaster at Luton, needed eight stitches in a gash in his right ankle during Saturday's game with Birmingham.

And Birtles, whose switch from centre-forward to centre-half triggered off a Nottingham Forest run of six straight wins, is unlikely to face Rangers after pulling a hamstring at the weekend.

Chris Nicholl, the Southampton manager, who already has to accommodate for the loss of the Cup-tied Glenn Cockerill at Arsenal, will work overtime on Holmes' fitness.

● Alvin Martin, the West Ham captain, has put off an operation on is sore knee in the hope that the problem goes away. He has been troubled by swelling which forced him out of England contention last week. Yesterday he was advised by the club surgeon to carry on playing for a month to see if the condition deteriorates.

Reprieve for Southend

Southend United were reprieved for the second time this year in the High Court yesterday. A petition to wind up the fourth division club over a £55,800 debt owed to Allied Breweries was dismissed by consent by Mr Justice Hoffman after the parties had come to terms. In April, a petition brought by Peter Morris, the former manager, claiming he was owed £35,000 was also dismissed after they had reached terms.

A petition to wind up Swansea City, who owe £102,178 to the Inland Revenue, has been adjourned for 14 days. Swansea City Council, however, have rejected proposals to provide support to the club.

EUROPEAN LEAGUE RESULTS

SPANISH: Real Valladolid 4, Las Palmas 2; Real Madrid 3, Cadiz 1; Celta 0, Barcelona 2; *Sporting 3, Hercules 1; Real Sociedad 1,* Sevilla 0; Real Betis 2, Athletic Bilbao 0; Valencia 1, Osasuna 1; Espanol 1, Atletico Madrid 2; Racing 2, Real Zaragoza 3. Leading positions: 1, Real Madrid, 19pts; 2, Sporting 18; 3 Atletico Madrid, Athletico Bilbao, 15.

PORTUGUESE: Aguada 0, Porto 1; Ponte Sor 1, Sporting 2; Casa Pia 0, Guimaraes 4; Alverca 0, Benfica 2; Lourosa 1, Setubal 2; Montijo 1, Maritimo 2; Penicha 1, Covilha 0; Academica 2, Cova da Piedada 1; Gil Vicente 1, Boavista 2 (aet); Penafiel 5, Ovarense 0; Belenenses 4, Silves 0; Aves 4, Pidense 1; Braga 3, Regua 0; Chaves 6, Beira Mar 2; Salgueiros 1, Sacavenense 1 (aet); Portimonanse 5, Castelo Branco 0.

ROMANIAN: Chimia Ramnicu Valcea 2, Victoria Bucharest 0; FCM Brasov 2, Gloria Buzau 1; Universitatea Craiova 0, Dinamo Buchrest 0; Arges Pitesti 1, Corvinul Hunedoara 1; Rapid Buchrest 4, OLT 3; Politehnica Timisoara 2, Bihor Oradea 0; Sportul Studentesc Bucharest 1, Bacau 0; Munres 0, Petrolul Ploiesti 0; Steaua Bucharest 2, Universitatea Napoca 0. Leading positions: 1, Steaua Bucharest 22pts; 2, Sportul Studentesc Bucharest 20!; 3, Universitatea Craiova, 18.

WEST GERMAN: Cup, 3rd round: Hamburg 1, Borussia Dortmund 3; Eintracht Trier 1, Bayer Leverkusen 3.

HUNGARIAN: Ujpest Dozsa 1, Pecs 0; Vasas 0, Tatabenya 0; Budapest Honved 2, Siolok 1; *Zalaegerszeg 3, Bekescsaba 0; Videoton 1,* Szombathely 0; Raba Eto 1, MTK VM 1; Volan 2, Ferencvaros 1. Leading positions: 1, Budapest Honved 28pts; 2, Pecs, 24, 3, Videoton 21.

AUSTRIAN: Austria Vienna 5, Rapid Vienna 1; Austria Wacker 5, LASK 1; Austria Klagenfurt 2, Sturm Graz 2; SSW Innsbruck 6, Eisenstadt 2; GAK 3, Alpine Donawitz 1; VOEST Linz 3, GAK 1. Leading positions: 1, Austria Vienna, 33pts; 2, Rapid Vienna, 29; 3, Sturm Graz, 19.

SOVIET: Zenit Leningrad 1, Dynamo Kiev 1; Spartak Moscow 4, Metallist Kharkov 1; Shakhtyor Donetsk 3, Dynamo Minsk 0; Dynamo Tbilisi 3, Chernomorets Odessa 0; Torpedo Kutaisi 4, Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk 3. Leading positions: 1, Dynamo Kiev, 48pts; 2, Spartak, 42; 3, Dynamo Minsk 41.

SWISS: Basle 2, Grasshoppers 2; La Chaux-de-Fonds 1, Aarau 1; Lausanne 3, Servette 0; Lucerne 2, Neuchatel Xamax 7; Sion 2, Vevey 0; Wettingen 0, Grenchen 0; Young Boys 0, Baden 1; Zurich 1, St Gallen 0. Leading positions: 1, Neuchatel Xamax, 23 pts; 2, Grasshoppers, 19; 3, Sion, Zurich, Lucerne, 18.

● There were no first division matches in the Belgian, Dutch, Greek, Italian or Yugoslav leagues last weekend because of World Cup matches.

SNOOKER

Thorburn struggles

Cliff Thorburn, the world's No 2, had a battle on his hands in the first round of the Coral UK championship at Preston. Thorburn, who has already won two top tournaments this season, ended the opening session of his best-of-17-frame match against Les Dodd level.

Thorburn had four useful breaks but still could not shake off Dodd, who led 4-3 before the Canadian snatched the final frame of the session by 60-33 after taking advantage of his opponent's loose shot on the brown.

Tony Meo moved to within two frames of a place in the third round when he opened a 7-1 second round lead over Danny Fowler.

FIRST ROUND: W Thorne bt P Browne 9-6; J Virgo bt W Jones 9-7; D Martin bt M Darrington 9-3; D Reynolds bt H McLaughlin 9-7; I Griffiths bt T Jones 9-5; S Francisco (SA) bt J Wyck (Can) 9-8; R Holland bt J Meadowcroft 9-1; P Francisco (SA) bt S Simmpam (This) 9-4; K Stevens (Can) bt S Newbury 9-7; R Williams bt W King (Aus) 9-5; N Foulds bt P Fagan 9-5; G Crissey leads C Wilson 5-3; C Thorburn level with L Dodd 4-4.

SECOND ROUND: M MacLeod leads R Reardon 5-3; D Mountjoy level with B West 4-4; T Meo leads D Fowler 7-1; David Taylor level J Campbell (Aus) 4-4.

FIXTURES AND FORECASTS — Paul Newman

Saturday November 23 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION

2 Birmingham v Liverpool
1 Chelsea v Aston Villa
2 Coventry v West Ham
1 Everton v Nottingham F
2 Leicester v Man U
2 Man C v Newcastle
1 Oxford v Ipswich
1 Sheffield W v Soton
1 Tottenham v QPR
2 Watford v Luton
2 WBA v Arsenal

SECOND DIVISION

X Blackburn v Charlton
X Carlisle v Leeds
1 C Palace v Barnsley
1 Huddersfield v Fulham
X Hull v Wimbledon
1 Millwall v Middlesbro
1 Norwich v Grimsby
1 Oldham v Stoke
1 Portsmth v Sheffield U
X Shrewsbury v Bradford
1 Sunderland v Brighton

THIRD DIVISION

2 Bolton v Derby
1 Brentford v Chesterfield
1 Bristol R v Cardiff
1 Doncaster v Bournemouth
2 Newport v Notts Co
1 Plymouth v Wigan
1 Reading v Darlington
1 Rotherham v Bury
X Walsall v Blackpool

Not on coupons: Lincoln v York (Sunday); Swansea v Bristol City; Wolves v Gillingham.

FOURTH DIVISION

1 Burnley v Exeter
1 Chester v Orient
1 Crewe v Cambridge
1 Hartlepool v Tranmere
1 Hereford v Southend
1 Northampton v Halifax
2 Peterboro v Port Vale
2 Preston v Colchester
X Rochdale v Scunthorpe
1 Stockport v Aldershot
1 Swindon v Mansfield
X Torquay v Wrexham

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Blackburn, Brentford, Newport, Carlisle, Hull, Shrewsbury, Brentford, Newport, Walsall, Preston, Torquay, Dundee, St Mirren, Ayr

BEST DRAWS: Blackburn, Shrewsbury, Brentford, Newport, Walsall

AWAYS: Liverpool, West Ham, Manchester United, Derby, Yeovil

HOMES: Chelsea, Sheffield Wednesday, Tottenham, Millwall, Norwich, Bristol Rovers, Reading, Burnley, Crewe, Northampton, Farnborough, Harrow

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Chelsea, Sheffield Wednesday, Norwich, Reading, Northampton. Aways: Liverpool, Manchester United, Derby. Draws: Brentford, Newport, Walsall

VAUXHALL-OPEL PREMIER

1 Croydon v Heyas
2 Epsom v Yeovil
1 Famboro v Carshalton
1 Harrow v Barking

SCOTTISH PREMIER

X Celtic v Hibernian
2 Clydebank v Dundee U
X Dundee v Rangers
1 Hearts v Motherwell
X St Mirren v Aberdeen

SCOTTISH FIRST

X Ayr v Montrose
1 Brechin v Airdrie
1 Clyde v Kilmarnock

Not on coupons: East Fife v Alloa; Falkirk v Dumberton; Forfar v Morton; Hamilton v Partick.

SCOTTISH SECOND

Not on coupons: Albion v Queen of the South; Arbroath v East Stirling; Berwick v Cowdenbeath; Dunfermline v St Johnstone; Meadowbank v Stenhousemuir; Queen's Park v Raith; Stirling v Stranraer

CYCLING

Roach and Doyle battle it out with Swiss

From John Wilcockson
Paris

Stephen Roche was fighting hard last night to become the first Irishman to win a six-day race in cycling history. He was lying second in the Paris Six-Day with Tony Doyle, his English partner, at the Bercy Sports Palace with only three hours of the race remaining.

After the first of three team races last night, Roche and Doyle were still just behind the overnight leaders, Jorg Muller and Daniel Gisiger, of Switzerland, but well ahead on points of the other four teams who were level on laps covered.

Doyle, aged 27, from Woking, is in his sixth season of six-day racing. He has won three of them, teamed with either Danny Clark or Gary Wiggins, of Australia.

Both riders are strong performers in the two-rider team races, during which laps of the 250-metre track are won or lost. In the long chases – by which these events are known – Doyle and Roche have proved the strongest in Paris. The surprise has been the speed shown by Doyle in the sprints for which the all important points are awarded.

Going into the last session of the race Doyle and Roche were only nine points behind the leaders which is the matter of winning one and a half sprints.

PARIS: Six-day race: Fifth day: leading positions: 1, J Mueller and D Gisiger (Switz), 222; 2, S Roche and A Doyle (Ire/GB), 223; 3, B Vallet and G Frank (Fr/Den), 187.

HOCKEY

Cheshire finish top of North county table

By Joyce Whitehead

Essex retained the women's East title after beating Huntingtonshire 3-2 at Shotley. Suffolk finished second and Cambridge were third. The north, Lancashire, the holders, dropped to third place and Cheshire top the table.

Cheshire played Yorkshire in the final beating them 3-1. Carol Dudley (Chester Ladies) and Sue Healey (Grappenhall) scored before Gillian Huggon (York) reduced the arrears and Julie Bannister (Grappenhall) *settled the issue with* Cheshire's third goal.

Thus ended the North's experiment of running their county championship for the first time in two pools supported by Dairy Crest Foods. This enabld their 10 counties' to reach the finals in three weekends.

The championships in the West and the South do not end until next weekend. Last Sunday two Wiltshire players were injured and they lost 1-4 to Herefordshire and the Gloucestershire/Dorset match was stopped for 10 minutes when Kristen Telfer (Gillingham) dislocated her knee and could not be moved till the ambulance arrived. Gloucestershire won the match 1-0. Avon, however, look unbeatable.

Results (Sunday) North: Cheshire 3, Yorkshire 1. East: Cambridgeshire 4, Lincolnshire 0; Essex 0, Kent 0; Lincolnshire 2, Suffolk 0; Hertfordshire 0, Cambridgeshire 0; Essex 3, Huntingtonshire 2; Kent 2, Norfolk 0. Midlands: Warwickshire 1, Bedfordshire 1; Nottinghamshire 1, Northamptonshire 1; Leicestershire 8, Shropshire 0; Staffordshire 2, Worcestershire 0; Bedford CHE 2, Derbyshire 0. West: Cornwall 1, Somerset 0; Avon 1, Devon 0; Gloucestershire 1, Dorset 0; Herefordshire 4, Wiltshire 1.

BOXING

Board set to hit the public brawlers hard

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Mark Kaylor and Errol Christie come up before the British Boxing Board of Control today to answer for their brawl at the Stakis Casino during a press conference last month.

In view of the fact that the Victor McLagen stuff received so much publicity outside the sports pages and almost even caused the postonement of the culprits British middleweight title eliminator because of fears of race riots, the board are *expected to punish the boxers* severely. There is talk of their being fined £5,000 each, which would be unfair to Christie as, from all accounts, the brawl was precipitated by Kaylor.

Kaylor, who subsequently knocked out Christie in the eighth round of the eliminator at Wembley, said yesterday: "All I can hope is that the board treat me fairly. I can't ask for any more than that."

Kaylor's manager, Terry Lawless, put in a plea for the board to put the affair into perspective. "It was a case of two guys losing their temper after being brought head to head for photographs," he said. "No one else was involved and both boxers have expressed their regret for what happened. There was no racism in it. Kaylor and Christie are two hard-working boys."

Lawless added: "I see police on the field at a rugby match and MPs clashing with each other. I would *ask the board to put the matter into* perspective".

The board are also to consider the claim of Mike Barrett, the promoter, for compensation to be paid to him from the purses. Barrett claims that he lost heavily because people stayed away from the contest as a result of adverse publicity about race riots. Wembley may not have been filled to the rafters but so far as I could see was rather more full than usual.

Scramble for title

By Srikumar Sen

The winner of the triple welterweight championship between Lloyd Honeyghan, of Bermondsey, the European champion, and Sylvester Mittee, of Bethnal Green, the British and Commonwealth champion, will be in a fight-off for the vacant world title early in the New Year.

Dave Gorman, the manager of Donald Curry, the WBA and IBF welterweight champion, confirmed over the telephone yesterday from Phoenix, Arizona, where Curry is training to meet Milton McCrory, of Detroit, on December 6, for the undisputed world welterweight championship, that both boxers would be moving up to light-*middleweight after this meeting at* Las Vegas. That is one of the stipulations of the world bodies who sanctioned the bout.

Neither boxer can make the welterweight limit any more and the title may well be declared vacant even befroe they step into the ring. For it is believed that the two men may have to weigh in privately, thus forcing the WBC, WBA and IBF to declare the bout invalid for the welterweight title.

The knowledge of the "scramble" for the world title increased the dislike between Honeyghan and Mittee, who once used to be stablemates at Terry Lawless's Royal Oak gym. While they wished Currie well over the telephone they promised to knock each other out when they meet on November 27 at Alexandra Pavilion, North London.

The news of Curry and McCrory moving up could prompt Colin Jones, of Wales, who boxed three times for the world title, to think again about his impending retirement because of back trouble. When asked to say who could be the next champion, the first name that Gorman mentioned was Jones. "After Curry and McCrory he is the best welterweight in the world" *Gorman said.*

● Bonn (Reuter) – West Germany's European lightweight boxing champion, Rene Weller, yesterday postponed a planned title bout with Denmark's Bo Gert Jacobsen next month because he is suffering from angina. The contest is now expected to take place early next year.

● Zurich (Reuter) – Enrico Scacchia, of Switzerland, will meet the French champion, Said Skouma, for the vacant European light-middleweight title in Geneva on November 30.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Benyon cast aside as Murphy is recalled

St Helens dismissed their coach, Billy Benyon, yesterday and appointed Alex Murphy of Leigh as his replacement. Benyon leaves St Helens after three years in control. Meanwhile Murphy, one of the most controversial characters in the sport, has walked out on Leigh, the second division's leaders, for the third time in his career.

Lawrie Prescott, the St Helens chairman, said: "The Messiah has returned. He's been away far too long and I am convinced he will make St Helens the top club again. "Billy Benyon was obviously shocked, but I think he understands the reason behind the move. We feel Murphy's magic is what's needed to bring the crowds flocking back".

Murphy, aged 46, began his career with St Helens, his home town team, as a teenager and spent 10 years at Knowsley Road before moving to Leigh as player-coach in 1966. *Back at St Helens after a 19-*year absence, he starts work today having signed a contract until the end of next season.

There are grounds for sympathy for Benyon, who is 40 and is a former St Helens team-mate of Murphy. He led the club to the premiership, Lancashire Cup and a first division runners-up place last season before signing a two-year contract in the summer. St Helens are at present only one point behind the leaders, Widnes, in the first division championship.

Murphy, who was not on a contract at Leigh, joined his fifth Lancashire club as coach. He has had spells at Leigh, Warrington, Salford and Wigan before returning to Leigh for his third spell last February.

Benyon left St Helens for *Warrington in 1977 and was coach* of the year in 1981 before he was sacked less than 12 months later. He took over from Kel Coslett at St Helens in May, 1982.

● David Watkinson, captain of the champions, Hull Kingston Rovers, and one of Great Britain's outstanding players in the international series against New Zealand, is to ask the club for a transfer. Watkinson, who has been with Rovers for nearly nine years, said: "I plan to ask for a move this week."

FOR THE RECORD

REAL TENNIS

CANFORD: Petworth House bt Canford School 4-1 (Petworth names first); M Drysdale lost to I *Snell, 4-6, 6-3, 4-6; D Bevan-Thomas bt P* Paterson, 6-2, 5-0; S Acworth bt B Idundun, 6-4, 6-1; D Foster bt T Worsley, 6-1, 6-2; B Laws bt W Foster, 6-0, 6-4.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Noel Brace Cup: Third round: Harrow II (R S Crawley and A Crawley) bt Eton II (T M Brudenell and D Rudick-Keene, 15-11, 15-1, 18-15, 13-18, 15-10.

SCHOOLS: Harrow (L O Bridgeman and S Ross) bt Charterhouse (A Vincent and H Taylor), 11-15, 15-8, 15-5, 15-5, 9-15, 15-8.

LACROSSE

AVON INSURANCE NORTHERN SENIOR FLAGS: First round: Old Waconians 12, Sheffield University 10; Sheffield 9, Ashton 13; Urmston 15, Sale 11.

BRINE NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Old Hulmeians 8, Heaton Mersey 7; Stockport 9, Chasdle 8.

BRINE SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Buckhurst Hill 11, Purley 11; Enfield 12, Cambridge University 15; Hampstead 15, Beckenham 5; Hillcroft 16, London University 4.

YACHTING

NASSAU: World Star Class Championship (US unless stated): Second race: 1, P Cayard; 2, A Diaz; 3, G Gorla (it). Overall: 1, Cayard; 2, Diaz; 3, W Buchan.

ROAD RUNNING

WELLINGTON, New Zealand: Winstone Marathon: 1, P Coppess (US), 2hr 11min 32sec.

TOKYO: Women's Marathon: 1, K Doerre (EG); 2:34:21. Other placings: 7, C May (Ire); 2:38:26; 10, A Pain (GB), 2:42:24.

SQUASH RACKETS

LONDONDERRY CUP: First round: Leeds GS 4, Ellesmore 1; Merchant Taylors', Northwood 3, Rugby 2; Sherborne 5, Chesterhouse 0.

HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE: Ashford Tanners 17, Great Dane 33.

MIDLAND LEAGUE: Warwick Jaguars 13, Stafford Olympic 14.

ENGLISH NATIONAL LEAGUE (women): Halewood Forum 17, Salford Ladies 17.

TENNIS

RICHMOND, Virginia: Exhibition series: J McEnroe (US) bt B Borg (Swe), 4-5, 6-1, 6-4 (McEnroe won series 4-2).

HONG KONG: Seiko super tournament: First round: J Frawley (Aus) bt J Higueras (Spa), 6-1, 6-1; J Hlasek (Switz) bt R Green (US), 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; A Krickstein (US) bt M Bauer (US), 6-7, 7-5, 6-2. D Keretic (WG) bt J Lapidus (US), 7-6, 6-2; J Canter (US) bt Van Boeckel (Neth) 6-3, 6-1; B Schultz (US) bt S Shiraishi (Japan), 6-3, 6-3; M Anger (US) bt S Stewart (US), 7-6, 6-7, 6-4; J Sadri (US) bt B Drewett (Aus), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

SYDNEY: New South Wales Women's Open: (Australian unless stated): A Minter bt G Sanford, 6-4, 6-3; D Batistrat bt G Bunge (WG), 6-3, 1-0 retired; E Burgin (US) bt G Fernandez (US), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; R Fairbank (SA) bt A Dingwall, 2-6, 6-4, 7-6; E Smylie bt M Turk, 6-2, 6-1; B Nagelsen (US) bt M Jaggard, 6-7, 6-1, 7-5; B Cordwell (NZ) bt R White (US), 7-5, 4-6, 7-5; C Reynolds (US) bt Hu Na (US), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4; B Gerken (US) bt S Walsh-Pete (US), 6-2, 6-2; L Gates (US) bt A Henrickson (US), 7-5, 3-6, 7-6; A Croft (GB) bt M Schropp (WG) 6-3, 6-3; S Cherneva (USSR) bt R Marsikova (Cz), 1-6, 6-4, 6-4; E Inoue (Japan) bt A Brown (GB), 6-4, 5-7, 8-4; L McNeil (US) bt E Minter, 0-6, 6-2, 6-4; L McNeil (US) bt E Minter, 0-6, 6-2, 6-4; L Savchenko (USSR) bt L Spain-Strom (US), 7-6, 4-6, 6-1.

BRAMHALL: LTA Women's indoor tournament: First Round: (British unless stated): E Ekblom (Swe) bt N Ballet (Fr), 6-3, 6-3; C Baldum (Neth) bt C Wood, 6-1, 6-1; V Mulvdskia (USSR) bt I Vermhes (Fr), 6-0, 7-6; R Rajchrtova (Cz) bt V Paquast (Fr), 6-1, 6-3; K Maleeva (Rom) bt G Coles, 6-3, 6-2; N Heusser (Fr) bt N Bajckova (Cz), 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; K Quentrec (Fr) bt I Vlach (Austria), 6-4, 6-2; R Wieser (WG) bt J Langstaff, 6-0, 6-1.

N Jagerman (Neth) bt H Ter Riet (Neth), 6-4, 6-1; E Jones bt I Leyten (Neth), 2-6, 6-4, 6-1; M Doseolova (Cz) bt B Borneo, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; J Novotna (Cz) bt V Brzakova (Cz), 6-1, 6-1; J Wood bt J Tacon, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Adelaide: South Australia 280 and 288 for 7 dec (D Hookes 102); Queensland 294 for 5 dec and 285 for 5 (A Border 119, K Wessels 107). Queensland won by five wickets. Perth: Victoria 111 and 302 for 7 dec (D Jones 113); Western Australia 94 and 212 for 2 (G Marsh 100 not out). Match drawn

JOHANNESBURG: Australian XI 232 for 6 (50 overs); Transvaal Province 183. Australian XI won by 49 runs.

SNOOKER

BLACKPOOL: World amateur championships: Group A: A Essam (Egypt) bt M Lemoy (Bel) 4-1; J Afan (GB) bt K Irwin (N Ire), 4-1; P Mifsud (Malta) bt G Lackenby (Aus), 4-3; M Hallgren (Swe) bt R Marshall (GB), 4-0. Group B: T Whitmread (GB) bt H Botaju (Sri Lanka), 4-0; L Guan (Sing) bt T Dada (Pak), 4-3; P Reynolds (GB) bt P Rivet (Mauritius). Group C: G Kwok (HK) bt K Sirisoma (Sri Lanka), 4-0. Group D: M Bennet (GB) bt G Sehi (India), 4-1; G Burs (Ire) bt S Pavis (N Ire), 4-2. Quarter-finals (GB unless stated): J Grech (Malta) v G Sethi (India); P Mifsud (Malta) v T Whitmread; M Bennett v D John; J McNellan v R Marshall.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND LEAGUE: Men: Polonia 3, Capital City 1; Leeds 2, Speedwell 3; Liverpool City 3, Weymouth 0; Redwood 3, Maory 0; OBC Poole 0, Spark 3; Liverpool 0, Speedwell 3; Newcastle 3, Weymouth 0. Women: Speedwell 1, Britannia 3; Birmingham 3, Colchester 0; Bradford 3, Ashcombe 1; Sale 0, Spark 3; Speedwell 3, Colchester 0; Birmingham 2, Britannia 3; Bradford 1, Spark 3; Sale 0, Ashcombe 3; Greenwich 1, All Sports 3.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

UNITED STATES: National League (NFL): Chicago Bears 44, Dallas Cowboys 0; New York Jets 62, Tampa Bay Buccaneers 28; Atlanta Falcons 30, Los Angeles Rams 14; Green Bay Packers 38, New Orleans Saints 14; Pittsburgh Steelers 30, Houston Oilers 7; Miami Dolphins 34, Indianapolis Colts 20; Philadelphia Eagles 24, St Louis Cardinals 14; Cleveland Browns 17, Buffalo Bills 7; Denver Broncos 30, San Diego Chargers 24 (ot); Detroit Lions 41, Minnesota Vikings 21; Los Angeles Raiders 13, Cincinnati Bengals 6; New England Patriots 20, Seattle Seahawks 13; San Francisco 49ers 31, Kansas City Chiefs 3.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
NY Jets	8	3	0	.727	287	184
New England	8	3	0	.727	227	184
Miami	7	4	0	.636	275	231
Indianapolis	3	8	0	.273	207	272
Buffalo	2	9	0	.182	148	235
Central Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	6	5	0	.545	249	188
Cincinnati	5	6	0	.455	253	301
Cleveland	5	6	0	.455	177	195
Houston	4	7	0	.364	199	135
Western Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	8	3	0	.727	255	221
LA Raiders	7	4	0	.636	234	233
Seattle	6	5	0	.545	221	225
San Diego	5	6	0	.455	294	295
Kansas City	3	8	0	.273	202	271

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
NY Giants	7	3	0	.700	227	170
Dallas	7	4	0	.636	220	197
Philadelphia	6	5	0	.545	193	178
Washington	5	5	0	.500	165	181
St Louis	4	7	0	.364	200	156
Central Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	11	0	0	1.000	323	127
Detroit	8	5	0	.545	214	241
Minnesota	5	6	0	.455	221	248
Green Bay	5	6	0	.455	229	247
Tampa Bay	1	10	0	.091	228	334
Western Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L Rams	8	3	0	.727	224	181
San Francisco	6	5	0	.545	275	187
New Orleans	3	8	0	.273	190	300
Atlanta	2	9	0	.182	218	321

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Milwaukee Bucks 117, Portland Trail Blazers 104; Los Angeles Lakers 138, New Jersey Nets 119.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	8	2	.800	-
Philadelphia	5	5	.500	3
New Jersey	6	7	.462	3½
Washington	3	7	.300	5
New York	2	8	.200	6
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	10

CRICKET

Middlesex players return to test of adaptability

By Richard Streeton

The 1986 cricket season opens with matches at Oxford and Cambridge on Saturday, April 19, the day before the England party arrives home from the West Indies. On April 23 the four Middlesex players in the touring squad will scarcely have adjusted to the English climate when they will play for the county champions against MCC in the season's first game at Lord's.

Provided everyone is fit, Middlesex, in deference to what is always a special occasion, have already decided to field their strongest side. Middlesex have also noticed that, in a season when the Indian and New Zealand touring teams each play three Test matches and two one-day internationals, they will be without their Test contingent for 13 of the 24 county championship fixtures.

All the counties play against one of the touring sides, who both open their programme at Arundel against Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI and end their tour in Scarborough. The New Zealanders finish against Brian Close's XI from August 31 to September 2 in a match which forms part of the Scarborough festival centenary.

Other visitors next summer include the 18 countries taking part in the International Cricket Conference trophy and the Sri Lankan young cricketers. Zimbabwe defend the ICC trophy, which is being played in the Midlands from June 11, with the final at Lord's on July 7.

The county championship begins on Saturday, April 26, the earliest start in its long history and finishes on September 16. Northamptonshire play Yorkshire at Luton on June 21, the only new championship ground being used this year and recognition for the support there in recent years for Sunday matches. Gloucestershire entertain the Indians on May 10 at the Town ground, Cheltenham, where they have not played since 1937.

Essex, the NatWest trophy holders, travel to Jesmond to play Northumberland in the first round on June 25. Nottinghamshire, the beaten finalists in 1985, go to Exmouth to meet Devon. Northamptonshire and Middlesex are the first-class counties meeting in the first round.

In the Benson and Hedges Cup, the TCCB are still looking at ways to improve the method by which the quarter-final qualifiers are settled after teams finish level on points.

The regional groups for 1986 will be: **Group A:** Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Warwickshire, Minor Counties and Northamptonshire; **Group B:** Lancashire, Yorkshire, Worcestershire, Nottinghamshire and Scotland; **Group C:** Gloucestershire, Somerset, Glamorgan, Sussex and Essex; **Group D:** Middlesex, Surrey, Combined Universities, Kent and Hampshire.

Both the Benson and Hedges and NatWest competitions may bring into operation next summer a sudden-death system to decide matches that are washed out in the knock-out stages. At present, they are decided by the toss of a coin. One proposal to be considered by the TCCB is that five or six players from each team should bowl a series of deliveries at an undefended set of stumps, with the side scoring most hits going through.

The John Player Special League starts on May 4 and finishes on September 14. This might be the last season under the present format: a knock-out system in the later stages, bringing a clearcut final match, might be introduced in future years. Derbyshire are taking a match to Leek for the first time and Northamptonshire are playing at Finedon.

MAIN FIXTURES

April 23: Lord's: MCC v Middlesex (champion county). May 24: The Oval: England v India (Texaco Trophy). May 26: Old Trafford: England v India (Texaco Trophy). June 5-10: Lords: England v India (First Cornhill Test Match). June 19-24: Headingley: England v India (Second Cornhill Test). July 3-8: Edgbaston: England v India (Third Cornhill Test). July 12: Lords: Benson & Hedges Cup Final. July 16: Headingley: England v N Zealand (Texaco Trophy). July 18: Old Trafford: England v N Zealand (Texaco Trophy). July 24-29: Lords: England v N Zealand (First Cornhill Test). August 7-12 Trent Bridge: England v N Zealand (Second Cornhill Test). August 21-26: The Oval: England v N Zealand (Third Cornhill Test). September 6: Lord's: NatWest Trophy Final.

RACING: UNSCRUPULOUS JUDGE COULD BE BANKER ON STEPHENSON BENEFIT DAY

Lamb in line for a speedy treble

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Arthur Stephenson and Ridley Lamb took the combination to follow at Sedgefield today. My feeling is that they have a good chance of winning the first three races with Miniature Miss (1.0), Villierstown (1.30) and Unscrupulous Judge (2.0).

After his stout effort against Welfare here a fortnight ago, **Unscrupulous Judge** is napped to win the Dick Brewit Memorial Handicap Chase which Stephenson won 12 months ago with Succeeded. He could have won the same horse again today byt decided, not surprisingly, to rely on Unscrupulous Judge. In runing Welfare to only half a length, my nap gave the unmistakeable impression that he is now in the sort of form that enabled him to win sumilar races last season at Kelso, Newcastle and Perth, besides one over today's course and distance.

Significantly, neither Welfare nor Hazy Glen, who finished a close third in that race two weeks ago are taking him on again. Little Frenchman looks a bit near to unscrupulous Judge in this handicap now that he has been penalised for winning at Carlisle last week.

Misty Spirit and Supertony, at their best, both have a good chance but unlike Unscrupulous Judge they have not run this season and his superior fitness could easily be a crucial factor. Today's distance of three miles and 600 yards, is guaranteed to bring Unscrupulous Judge's boundles stamina into full paly.

Villerstown looks to have a good chance of winning the Red Marshall Handicap Chase after successive victories on the course last month. By all account he was especally impressive when beating Law Venture and Foggy Buoy by six lengths and four lengths. Earlier he had beaten Mendelita and Greenhill Hall and I expect him to prove too good for them again, albeit on worse terms.



Arthur Stephenson and Ridley Lamb, who could win the first three races at Sedgefield today

Miniature Miss is not of much account, but at least she has finished second a couple of times and she will not have to excel to win the Carlton Selling Hurdle.

At Southwell it could easily prove worthwhile following the fortunes of that able jockey, Paul Barton. At Fakenham last month Barton landed a double for Rex Carter on Superbrat and Rare Pleasure. Not surprisingly Carter has booked him again for the same two horses.

Off bottom weight Superbrat should go well in the Hawthorne Handicap Chase. At Fakenham he showed that he stayed three miles without flinching and what is more he had Abalight 10 lengths behind in fifth place. Loriot has finished second too often for comfort recently and I am more afraid of the recent course and distance winner, Fame the Spur.

Having won a handicap so well at Fakenham, **Rare Pleasure** ought to be capable of winning the Willow Novices' Hurdle.

In the Birch Novices' Chase Barton rides Giolla Way for his former employer David Gandolfo for whom he has ridden so often in the past. The winner of three of his four point-to points last season in Ireland, Giolla Way shaped quite promisingly in his only steeplechase when he finished second to Another Flame at Carlisle. He will not have to do any better to win this afternoon's race.

Cox catches the eye with Windsor double

Clive Cox proved again why he is being tipped as a budding John Francome when pulling off a fine 43-1 double at Windsor yesterday on Acarine and Cawarra Lad.

Cox, aged 21, gave an ice-cool performance reminscent of Francome when gaining a short-head win on Acarine, who broke the three-mile course record by more than two seconds in the Salt Hill Handicap Chase.

Cox waited until halfway up the run-in to challenge, kept the top weight going with hands and heels, and did not resort to panic measures when Ardeat Spy made a renewed effort.

Peter Harris, Acarine's trainer, said: "Acarine does not like being messed about or restrained too much, and Clive rode a perfect race."

Acarine will now go to Cheltenham – a course where he has run well in the past – for the Foodbroker Handicap Chase over three miles one furlong next month.

The double puts Cox on the 13-winner mark for the season and he is now the leading conditional jockey. He needs just four more winners before his riding allowance is reduced to 4 lb.

After leaving school, Cox worked for Peter Cundell, for whom he rode two winners on the flat. He then went to the Somerset trainer, Stuart Pattemore before joining Oliver Sherwood at Lambourn a year ago.

Cox brought Cawarra Lad with a whirlwind challenge to pass five horses on the run-in in the White Hart Handicap Hurdle, and the six-year-old went on to win by five lengths.

Nohalmdun, 14-1 for next year's Champion Hurdle, had his owner-breeder Ted Halmshaw, on tenterhooks before landing the odds of 5-1 laid on him in the Brian Ingamells Charles Street Club Hurdle at Leicester.

Peter Easterby is four-year-old made a terrible mistake when close up third three flights from home, and John O'Neill, right over his mount's nose, made a fine recovery. Nohalmdun was soon back on an even keel to take a fractional lead at the last flight and score by a two from Shepherd's Hymn.

"I thought Jonjo had gone. He certainly had a good look between the horses ears", said Halmshaw, who is not one of those who has supported Nohalmdun for the big Cheltenham race. "Nohalmdun has to to learn not to make mistakes before he returns to Cheltenham. After he ran third to First Bout in the Triumph Hurdle Jonjo said he would win the Champion next year," he added.

Tony Gorman made an even more remarkable recovery on the 11-8 on favourite, Foot Patrol at the last flight in division two of the Brian Ingamells Snooker Club Novices' Hurdle. Gorman was out of the saddle, but hung on grimly, recovered his seat, and Foot Patrol drew away from Top O'Th Lane on the run-in to win by four lengths.

Summit for handicappers

A world-wide classification of racehorses moved a step nearer yesterday when a handicappers' summit got under way in Dublin (Our Irish Correspondent writes). Under the chairmanship of Captain Michael Byrne, handicappers from five European countries are meeting at a four-day meeting to thrash out the tricky question of an international classification for the flat race season that has just come to an end.

Last year Italy and Wst Germany were present merely as observers, but on this occasion they are joining in with the old team of England, Ireland and France. Geoffrey Gibbs, the senior Jckey Club handicapper leads the British team and, for the first time since the introduction o these annual classifications, ratings will be allotted to horses at different distances rather than, as in the past, at what was deemed to be their best trip.

In this connection it will be particularly interesting to see how they assess the merits of Oh So Sharp. She managed to win classic races over three distances, the 1,000 Guineas at a mile, the Oaks at one and a half miles and the St Leger at one and threequarter miles when completing a treble last completed by Meld 30 years ago.

There is no possibility this year of Captain Byrne being able to justify the top rating of any Irish-trained horse, although Committed must surely be rated second only to Never So Bold in the European sprint hierarchy.

Mercer can end in style

French two-year-olds do not seem to be a vintage crop this season so I am going for the John-Dunlop trained Highland Chieftan to take this afternoon's Criterium de Saint-Cloud in the hands of Joe Mercer who will be making his final riding appearance in France (Desmond Stoneham writes).

The favourite will be Kadrou and others who should go well are Takfa Yahmed and Dancing Zeta and there is an interesting outsider in the form of Suits Me Fine, who has travelled over from Ireland.

Highland Chieftan appears to be improving and in his most recent race he took Jennings the Bookmaker's Zetland Stakes at Newmarket by seven lengths. The race was run over 10 furlongs which is the same distance as the Criterium de Saint-Cloud.

Kadrou won the Prix la Rochette and was then a close third to Femme Elite and Bold disappointed on dirt in the breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Aqueduct.

Japan Cup challenge

Gold And Ivory, the mount of Pat Eddery, and St Hilarion (Greville Starkey) are Britain's representatives in the £266,000 Japan Cup at Tokyo on Sunday. The 16-strong field will have seven Japanese starters, including last year's third, Symboli Rudolf, and nine overseas challengers.

Nemain (Christy Roche) will run for Ireland, whose Stanerra won the race in 1983. An ex-David O'Brien filly, Alydar's Best, who is now trained in California, will represent America.

Nassipour, winner of the Rothman's International, is the other American starter, but the intended Canadian runner, In My Cap, is injured and will miss the race.

Baliton (Eric Legrix), from France, and Daun (Patrick Gilson), from Germany, are the other European hopefuls. The international line-up is completed by the Australian filly, Spirit of Kingston, winner of the Victoria Oaks, and the New Zealand gelding, The Filbert.

Bright recalled for spinner's wicket

Sydney (Reuter) – Ray Bright, the left-arm spinner, found himself back in favour with the Australian cricket selectors yesterday with the Second Test against New Zealand starting here on Friday expected to favour slow bowlers. Bright, who last played in a Test three years ago, was recalled in place of fast bowler Geoff Lawson, who was not considered for selection because of a groin injury.

The selectors have made two other changes from the side beaten by an innings in the First Test, bringing in batsmen David Hookes and Robbie Kerr for Andrew Hilditch and Kepler Wessels. Kerr, an elegant right-hander from Queensland, will be making his test debut at the age of 24, and Hookes pressed home his case for inclusion with a timely century for South Australia yesterday in their game with Queensland.

Hilditch was dropped after falling twice to the hook shot in the First Test. Wessels, who hit 107 for Queensland yesterday, was replaced, having announced his retirement from international cricket because of a contract dispute with the Australian Cricket Board.

AUSTRALIA: A Border (capt), D Boon, R Bright, D Gilbert, R Holland, D Hookes, R Kerr, C McDermott, G Matthews, S O'Donnell, W Phillips, G Ritchie.

● The New Zealanders escaped with a draw from their four-day cricket match against New South Wales yesterday

NEW SOUTH WALES: First innings 300 (G R J Matthews 111, D M Wellham 86).
NEW ZEALAND: First innings 120 (R G Holland 6 for 33).

Second innings

J G Wright c Gilbert b Bennett	38
B A Edgar c Waugh b Bennett	41
J F Reid c Dyer b Bennett	34
J J Crowe c and b Holland	17
J V Coney c Gilbert b Bennett	10
* R Brown not out	21
I D S Smith not out	7
Extras (b 5, lb 1)	7
Total (5 wkts)	175

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–73, 2–102, 3–131, 4–141, 5–161.

BOWLING: Gilbert 7–1–19–0; Blizzard 4–1–12–0; Holland 31–7–77–1; Matthews 8–6–4–0, Bennett 28–10–56–4.

Match drawn.



Bright: in favour with the selectors again

SEDGEFIELD

Going: good

1.0 CARLTON SELLING HURDLE (£415: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

1	030020	DOMANUS (V Thompson) V Thompson 4-11-13	Mr M Thompson 4
2	000/05-	ICACOS BAY (M Evans) W G Morris 4-11-8	W Morris
3	0026-00	SOCHER (M Bowker) M Bowker 4-11-8	Mr M Bowker
4	03-2434	WINGINGIN (R Moore) J Fitch-Heyes 4-11-8	–
5	0000	BAHAMAS VENTURE (R Fisher) R Fisher 3-10-10	M Meagher
7	00	DECEMBRE (B) (T Strike) E Alston 3-10-10	K Doolan 4
9	p0004	GOLDEN SECRET (G Ferrigno Ltd) D Moffatt 3-10-5	K Teelan
10	00	HILL'S SUPPLIES (Mrs G Simpson) S Wiles 3-10-5	C Grant
11	4922	MINATURE MISS (F Scotto) W A Stephenson 3-10-5	R Lamb
12	4p	PHILLY ATHLETIC (Mrs M Watt) J Kettlewell 3-10-5	S Kettlewell

1984: Ghetty Chez 3-10-5 C Grant (5-4 fav) Denys Smith 7 ran.

11-5 Miniature Miss, 3 Wingingin, 9-2 Domanus, 6 Bahamas Venture, 10 Socher, 14 others.

Sedgefield selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Miniature Miss. 1.30 Villierstown. 2.0 UNSCRUPULOUS JUDGE (nap). 2.30 Lady Lawyer. 3.0 Bullom. 3.30 Roseman.

By Michael Seely

1.30 Villierstown. 2.0 Little Frenchman. 3.30 FIEFDOM (nap).

1.30 RED MARSHALL HANDICAP CHASE (£1,200: 2m) (6)

1	312222/	RENREBO (D) (BF) (F Baxter) M W Easterby 8-12-3	R O'Leary
2	030-011	VILLIERSTOWN (CD) (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 6-11-6	R Lamb
3	04-4340	GREENHILL HALL (CD) (Miss B Duxbury) C Thornton 9-11-3	D Wilkinson
4	0/0320-	WEIGHT PROBLEM (J Farragher) J Fitzgerald 8-11-3	M Dwyer
5	2-3221	MENDELITA (CD) (B) (Capt P Courage) P Courage 9-11-0 (7 ex)	A Stringer
7	0-30000	THELMAS SECRET (D) (S Brown) T Barnes 8-10-1	M Barnes
8	00-0402	EVEN MELODY (CD) (S Lycett Green) N Crump 16-10-1	C Hawkins
9	0/4/0-2	BURNDITCH BOY (R Hughes) Mrs G Reveley 6-10-0	B Storey

1984: Veiled City 8-11-7 B Storey (100-30) F Storey 5 ran.

11-10 Villerstown, 7-2 Mendelita, 11-2 Renrebo, 7 Even Melody, 10 Greenhall, 14 others.

FORM: RENREBO (10–3) fell in race won by Sir Badsworth (10–0) at Wetherby (2m Ch), previously (11–7) ½l 2nd to Lochrun (10–10) at Uttoxeter (2m Ch, £1,678, good to firm, Oct 24, 7 ran). VILLIERSTOWN (10–8) easy 5l winner from Law Venture (10–9) with GREENHILL HALL (11–4) 18¾l back in 6th here (2m 4f Ch, £1,587, good to firm, Oct 22, 6 ran). Previously (10–8) beat MENDELITA (10–3) 9l with GREENHILL HALL (11–7) another 6l back in 3rd and THELMA'S SECRET (10–2) tailed off also here (2m Ch, £1,261, firm, Oct 1, 9 ran). On latest start MENDELITA (10–3) comfortable 6l scorer from EVEN MELODY (10–1) at Catterick (2m Ch, £1,200, firm, Nov 9, 5 ran). BURNDITCH BOY (10–0) 1l 2nd to Abercata (11–0) at Carlisle (2m 1f H'cap Hdle, £1,312, heavy, Nov 11, 17 ran).
Selection: VILLIERSTOWN.

2.0 DICK BREWITT MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£1,612: 3m 600yd) (6)

1	f130-32	UNSCRUPULOUS JUDGE (F Scotto) W A Stephenson 8-11-10	R Lamb
2	43100-1	LITTLE FRENCHMAN (CD) (E Rogson) E Robson 12-11-6 (ex)	Mr T Reed 4
6	21/11-1	MISTY SPIRIT (CD) (Mrs E Dixon) D Lee 13-11-5 (6 ex)	A Stringer
7	404-p02	TWILIGHT (CD) (G Lieadbitter) J Charlton 10-10-11	R Earnshaw
10	0p0-2pp	PENNINE DEREK (R Johnson) R Johnson 11-10-2	Mr P Johnson 7
11	4/0121-	SUPER TONY (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 8-10-0	Mr J Walton

1984: Succeaded 7-10-12 Mr P Dun (3-1) W A Stephenson 6 ran.

2 Little Frenchmen, 5-2 Unscrupulous Judge, 5 Misty Spirit, 13-2 Super Tony, 8 Twilfight, 14 Pennine Derek.

FORM: UNSCRUPULOUS JUDGE (12-3) caught close home when ½l 2nd to Welfare (11-0) here (3m 2f Ch, £1548, good to firm, Nov 5, 4 ran). LITTLE FRENCHMAN (11-2) 1½l winner from Solares (10-9) at Carlisle (3m Ch £2412, heavy, Nov 11, 8 ran). MISTY SPIRIT (12-1 on final outing last season was 10l scorer from Mighty Run (11-1) at Wetherby (3m Nov Ch, £1555, good to firm, May 8, 5 ran). TWILIGHT (11-4) 12l 2nd to Brockhurst Lad (10-0) at Hexham (3m Ch £1801, firm, Nov 4, 7 ran). PENNINE DEREK (11-0) on seasonal debut was ½l 2nd to Miss Mayo (11-5) at Ripon (3m Ch, £1141, heavy, Oct 9, ran). SUPER TONY (10-8) on final outing last season was 2l winner from Durham Edition (11-7) at Hexham (3m Ch, £1135, good, May 27, 5 ran). Selection: SUPPER TONY

2.30 BEECROFTS BOARDS NOVICE CHASE (£882: 2m 4f) (16)

1	u01244	ANOTHER FLAME (M Thompson) V Thompson 8-11-13	Mr M Thompson 4
2	042p0-1	LADY LAWYER (B) (T Brockbank) J Brockbank 7-11-8	T G Dun
3	0/p-013	SUMMER PATH (BF) (W Bayston) M Camacho 8-11-8	M Dwyer
4	04p2-04	BEAU LYON (Miss A Smith) D Lamb 7-11-3	Mr T Reed 4
6	pstp/x	DANTES TREE (W Tree) R Robinson 6-11-3	C Fairhurst
7	p/43000	FOLKLAW (J Wilson) T Barnes 7-11-3	M Barnes
12		HISTORIC HOUSE (Mrs H Ellerby) M W Ellerby 10-11-3	A Brown
13	p0pt3-p	IMPAGE (D Nicholson) R Robinson 7-11-3	D Wilkinson
16	f34/0	MARITZ (D Williamson) J Radiem 9-11-3	Mrs S Radiem
17	13/0434	MENAUST (R Johnson) R Johnson 9-11-3	Mr P Johnson 7
18	043004	MOSSY CONES (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 8-11-3	R Lamb
19	00-0000	MR DIRECTOR (F Musgrave) F Musgrave 7-11-3	Mr P Niven 7
20	/00000-	NOBLE LEGEND (J Lunn) J C Doyle 8-11-3	–
21	0	PERFECT GLEN (BF) (Mrs V Coleman) Denys Smith 5-11-3	C Grant
25	0541-0	BANNOW BURN (Racegoers Club Owners Group) K Oliver 5-10-12	J K Kinane
26	p0040-	COTTAGE LEAS (N Hartas) M Ellerby 6-10-12	Mr R Morley

1984: No corresponding race.

5-2 Summer Path, 7-2 Lady Lawyer, 6 Bannow Burn, 7 Perfect Glen, 8 Another Flame, 10 Menalist, Mossy Cones, 16 others.

FORM: ANOTHER FLAME (11-5) 33 ½l 4th to Bibldy's Lad (11-3) at Hexham; earlier (11-0) beat Giolla Way (11-0) 5l at Carlisle (2m Nov Ch, £739, soft, Sept 30, 5 ran). LADY LAWYER (10-12) beat Gowan House (11-3) 2l at Carlisle (2m Nov Ch, £840, heavy, Nov 11, 8 ran); SUMMER PATH (11-0) 5l 3rd to its A Carpper (10-12) with MENALIST (10-9) 11l back in 4th, Catterick (3m 1f Nov Ch, £1,075, firm, Nov 9, 5 ran); previously (10-10) beat Maggie's Girl (10-10) 2l at Wetherby (2m Nov Ch, £1,462, firm, Nov 1, 6 ran). BEAU LYON (10-12) 7l 4th to Ambergate (11-0) at Hexham (2m 4f Nov Hdle, £735, firm, Nov 4, 7 ran).
Selection: LADY LAWYER.

3.0 CORNFORTH AMATEUR RIDERS NOVICE HURDLE (£548: 2m) (16)

1	000-030	BULLOM (BF) (Mrs J Park) Denys Smith 5-12-0	C Brookes 7
2	22449/-	CADDAGAT (J Tackley) J Fitch-Heyes 5-12-0	–
3	3/4	CHRISTMAS HOLLY (R Wood) Mrs G Reveley 4-12-0	P Niven 7
4	p0p-	HC JESLEY (Mrs R Thompson) Miss K Thompson 4-12-0	J Murray
5	00/0000	JAY ELLE THAW (J Thaw) B McLean 5-12-0	T Reed 4
6		LE PIAT D'OR (R Whitaker) R Whitaker 4-12-0	S Whitaker 7
7	000-p	MANAWATU (B Connolly) R Fisher 4-12-0	A Fowler
11	00	PRINCE RAPID (Mrs A Norton) J Norton 4-12-0	R Smith 7
13	000	ROYABER (C Buckley) Mrs G Reveley 5-12-0	Miss A Beaumont 7
14	00-0000	RUSHYFORD (C Armstrong) W A Stephenson 7-12-0	M Thompson 4
15	p/0	RUSTIC TRACK (D R Smith) Denys Smith 5-12-0	P Johnson 7
17	0	STAR EVENT (H Bousfield) J Parkes 4-12-0	A Hartley 7
18	0/p000-	TAKACSHO (P Lamyman) Mrs S Lamyman 13-12-0	K Barham 7
20	0002-00	UPTOWN (A Bates) A Bates 5-12-0	–
22		CAROUSEL CROSSETT (E Caine) E Caine 4-11-9	N Jones 7
24	00/00-	HECKLEY HINNY (J Welton) F Welton 5-11-9	J Walton

1984: Gilded Chief 7-11-7 Mr E McMahon (11-4) B McMahon 18 ran.

11-4 Bullom, 7-2 Christmas Holly, 5 Caddagat, 13-2 Uptown, 8 Royaber, Jay Elle Thaw, 12 Rustic Track, 16 others.

FORM: BULLOM (11-0) lost over 7l 3rd to Tarnalcie (11-0) at Hexham (2m Hdle, £713, firm, Nov 4, 14 ran) with CHRISTMAS HOLLY (11-0) 2l further back in 4th. CADDAGAT best effort last term (10-0) 5½l 4th of 15 to Tugboat (10-5) at Plumpton (2m 4f H'cap Hdle, £4,854, soft, Feb 25). PRINCE RAPID unplaced in novice hurdles last two starts, before that (11-5) 10l 4th to Tawny Spirit (11-7) at Market Rasen (2m NH Flat race, £774, good to firm, Sept 28, 20 ran) UPTOWN not placed to challenge in each of two starts this season, the latest behind Remainder Wyn at Carlisle, best form last year (11-3) 20l 2nd to Guisborough Town (13-3) at Newcastle (2m Hdle, £904, good to soft, May 18, 25 ran).
Selection: CADDAGAT

3.30 STILLINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£889: 2m) (10)

1	011030-	NEWMARKET SAUSAGE (CD) (G Dawes) G M Moore 4-11-10	M Hammond
2	1-13000	GENNARO (CD) (P Warne) M Naughton 5-11-5	G Bradley
5	12-4000	TOT (D) (T Gledson) Denys Smith 5-11-3	D Thompson 7
6	3020-00	THARALEOS (R Watchman) P Watson 5-11-1	Mr P Niven 7
9	134423	SPECIAL SETTLEMENT (D) (T Beaty) R Allan 4-11-0	J K Kinane
12	10-1011	ROSEMAN (CD) (R Thompson) R Thompson 4-10-8 (7 ex)	Jayne Thompson 7
13	004-144	TRAVEL HOME (D) (B) (Mrs H Ellerby) M W Ellerby 5-10-8	A Brown
14	00243-0	HASTY IMPORT (T Robson) T Robson 6-10-4	Miss R Lock
15	0-03410	CHI MAI (B) (J Norton) J Norton 5-10-1	Sharron James 7
17	0p0000-	FIEFDOM (C Clark) W Storey 5-10-0	K Teelan

1984: Jobroka 4-10-13 A Brown (4-6 fav) M H Easterby 9 ran.

5-2 Special Settlement, 3 Roseman, 9-2 Newmarket Sausage, 11-2 Tot, 7 Chi Mai, 12 Gennaro, 16 others.

FORM: GENNARO (11-0) best effort when comfortable 4l winner from Draw The Line (11-0) at this course (2m H'cap Hdle, £671, good to firm, Sept 24, 8 ran). SPECIAL SETTLEMENT (10-0) 5 ½l 3rd to Corral Leisure (11-0) at Cheltenham (2m H'cap Hdle, £2,233, firm, Nov 8, 7 ran). ROSEMAN (11-10) beat Draw The Line (11-10) 5l at Catterick (2m Hdle, £657, firm, Nov 9, 13 ran). TRAVEL HOME (10-4) 7l 4th to Abercata (11-7) at Carlisle (2m 1f H'cap Hdle, £1,312, heavy, Nov 11, 17 ran.). HASTY IMPORT (11-0) well beaten 7th to In Style (11-9) at Kelso (2m Nov Hdle, £840, good, Oct 10, 16 ran.) CHI MAI (10-5) disappointed behind Teucer (10-11) at Hexham, earlier (11-3) beat Kumon Sunshine (11-10) 8l at Corbriel (2m 1f H'cap Hdle, £832, soft, Aug 28, 6 ran).
Selection: ROSEMAN

Windsor results

1.00 (2m 30 yd hdle) 1, CIMABUE (G McCourt 33-1); 2, Britannican (H Davies 10-1); 3, Open The Box (E Reilly 8-2). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Roger Nicholas (5th) 5 Thrifland (4th), 6 Hear No Evil (6th), Port Arlas (pu,l.) 10 Bimni Baby, 14 Bumbles Foley, My Hobby (pu.). 16 Empress Josephine, 20 Farasi (f), Venetian Princess, 25 Miss Rupert (f); 33 Penny Bay (pu), Top Pryal, Lelfrowda, Thetford Chase, Wind Chimes. 19 ran NR: Smiling Laurel, neck, 1½l, 4l, 12l. C Read at Pulborough. TOTE: 50.60. 2s.1l, 2.8, £4.00. DF: £170.80. C.S.F. £342.60.

1.30 (2m 40yd ch) 1, Mr SLIPS (D Hobd) 16-1; 2, Shotang (S McCrystal 5-1); 3, Take Flight (W Humphreys 10-1); 4, Opening Night (M Bosley 14-1) ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Boyne Hill, 11-2 Adams Star (5th), 15-2 Syedalia, 8 Cen't Swim (p.u.) 10 Ramion Lad, Hanover Prince, Pompous Prince, 16 Massabiola, 20 Roband, 25 Weaversiake (6th), Plain Jim (f), Mianaico, Pheasant Bridge. 17 ran. NR: Indian Cash. 3l, sh hd, ¾l, 2½l. Miss L Bower at Alresford. TOTE WIN: £32.80. Places: £5.00, £2.10, £2.70. £7.00. D.F: £196.80. C.S.F. £103.94. Winner bought in for 620 gns.

2.00 (2m 3dyd hdle) 1, CAWARRA LAD (C Cox 14-1); 2, Beaconsie Brook (P Double 9-2 fav); 3, Pip (R Dunwoody 20-1); 4, Hell's Prince (R Goldstein 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Try To Remember, 8, End - of Era, 9 Mistado (f), Swinging Moon, 10 Trumpa, 12 Flaming Pearl (6th), Miss Metro, 16 High Heaven (5th), War And Peace, Whenever, Wriart, 20 Bigee, 25 Biddable, 50 Spikey Bill (P.U.). Turnstile. 19 ran. 5l, ½l, 2½l, 2l, 2½l. C James at Newbury. TOTE: £43.90; £5.50, £2.30, £2.60, £4.60. DF: £52.40. CSF: £83.53. Tricast: £1,230.15.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, ACARINE (C Cox 5-4 jt fav); 2, Ardent Spy (B Powell 9-4 jt fav); 3, Pradwell (S Morshead 9-4 jt fav). ALSO RAN: 5 John Brush, 4 ran. NR: Run and Skip. Sh hd, 20l not recorded. P W Harris, Berkhampstead. TOTE: £2.20; DF: £2.90. CSF: £6.98.

3.00 (2m chy 1, SWEETCAL (S Sherwood 2-1 fav); 1, Evening Song (Mr P Townsley 5-1); 3, Mimosa (R Dunwoody 4-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Rideight (4th) 12 Estrailla (pu), 14 Fishmoor Diamond (f), 20 Western Kelly (pu), 33 Shirley Crispella (5th), 8 ran. 5l, 20l, 2l. P Cundell, at Compton. Tote: £2.30; £2.10, £1.30, £2.40; DF: £7.60; CSF: £12.50.

3.30 (2m 30 yd hdle) 1, DIAMONDS HIGH (R Dunwoody 9-2); 2, Crisp (R Roe 10-1); 3, Celtic Flame (R Strange 12-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Barty Sheene (4th), 7-2 Gardeners Choice (6th) 11-2 College Champagne, 6 Creggana, 12 Mister Christian, 16 Have Blessed, 20 Pharaoh's Treasure (5th), Thatchridge, 33 Baltic Call (pu), Courageous Boy, Dibbles Prince, Impovarish (pu). 15 ran. 1l, 4l, 15l, 2l, 7l. P Mitchell at Epsom. TOTE: £5.30, £1.30, £2.90, £4.10. DF: £47.60. CSF: £55.97. PLACEPOT: £289.70.

Leicester

Going: Firm

12.45 (2m hdle) 1, KADESH (R Crank 13-2); 2, Asmid (B de Haan 1-4 fav) 3, Sosie Jet (C Kellett 50-1) Also ran: 20 Sing Galvo Sing (6th) 25 Hawdon Jacks (5th) 33 Vee Bee (4th) 50 Tenessina, 7 ran., 5 l, 12l, 25l, 8l, 5l, F J Yardley at Droitwich. Tote: £7.50; £2.60, £1.00 DF £2.40 C.S.F £7.93.

1.15 (2m hdle) 1, GREENACRES GIRL (T Wall 6-1); 2, Sedgewell Lady (C Man 8-1); 3, Mr Chris Gatecuz (G Williams 33-1) Also ran 13-8 FAV Happy Cash, 11-4 Sway (4th), 6 Caroline's Girl (5th), 16 Ingfield (F), 20 Donnal Daux, Song Of Orkney (5th), 33 Log Cabin, Calypso Queen, Rapid Light, Bonny's Reggo, Holme Code, Tawny Temptress, 19 Ran. NR: Claudes Man 3l, 2½l, neck, ½l, 20l, B McMahon at Tamworth. Tote: £5.50; £1.10, £3.20; £10.70 DF: £26.80 CSF: £53.63. The Winner bought in for 1,200 gns.

1.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, NICKLE MOPPETT (G Murnagh, 4-5 fav). 2, Sea Splash (M Brennan, evens). 2 ran. 20l. J Webber at Banbury. Tote: £1.50.

2.15 (3m chy 1, AFRICAN STAR (J Frost, 5-1); 2, Lean Ort (Dai Williams, 7-1); 3, Master Beau (Miss G Armytage, 5-4 fav). Also Ran: 8 Victor Dub (PU), 14 Chstr of Kildare (4th), Scottish Highway. NR: Minimax, 6 ran. 10l, 4l, 20l, 15l. R Frost at Buckfastleigh. Tote: £3.80; £2.00, £2.20. DF: £19.70. CSF: £32.98.

2.45 (2m hdle) 1, NHALMDUN (J J O'Neill 1-5 fav); 2, Shepherd's Hymn (R Crank 11-2); 3, Invincible Shadow (T Wall 12-1). ALSO RAN: 33 Derwent King. 4 Ran. 2l, 10l hd. M H Easterby at Great Habton. TOTE: £1.30; DF: £1.20; C.S.F. £1.65.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, FOOT PATROL (J Gorman 8-11 fav); 2, Top O'Th'Lane (P Tuck 7-2); 3, Bentist (R Crank 33-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Molly's Gift, 25 Hooton Lane (4th), 33 Young Jill (R.O.). 6 Ran. 4l, 2 ½l, 15l, 15l, P Cundell, at Compton. TOTE: £1.60, £1.40, £1.30 DF: £2.80; CSF: £3.64.

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4	324110	YOUNG HAWK (Mrs L Clavsley) C F Jackson 12-10-12	E Murphy
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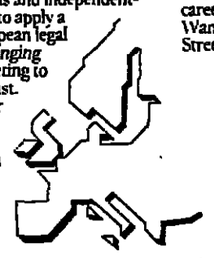
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CROSSLEY. – On November 13th to Anne and Jim – a daughter (Miranda Barbara), a sister for Hugh, Dominic and Freddy.

EVANS. – On November 18th to Lindy and John at St Teresa's, Wimbledon – a daughter (Claire Valeria Gwenllian), a sister for Huw.

FORTESCUE HITCHINS. – On November 14th, to Amanda (nee Bloomer) and George – a daughter (Kate).

JONES – On 14th November at The Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, to Annmarie (nee Harris) and David, a son, William Lloyd.

KING – To Joanna (nee Reid) and Steve – a son (Benjamin Charles) on November 18th.

LAPORTE. – On Thursday 14 November to Cornelia and Harald – a son.

MANSEL – To Diana (nee Scrope) and Hugh on November the 18th – a daughter (Isabella).

MARSHALL. – On November 14th to John and Sonia, a son, Robert, a brother for Sally-Anne and Jordanne.

PALMER. – On 17th November, to Cornelia and Adrian, a son.

PERT. – On November 14th to Margaret (nee Bond) and David, a daughter, Angelica Rose.

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RUTTERDGE. – On 17th November to Tina (nee Basu) and Peter – a daughter (Claudia Madeleine).

SIMPSON. – On November 17, at Epsom District Hospital to Jane (nee Bendig) and Stuart, a daughter, Imogen Alexandra.

SLEE – On 13th November, to Georgina (Gigi, nee Fraser) and Mike, a son (Samuel Charles Fraser).

VINK. – On 23rd October, to Stella (nee Kampl and Maurice – a son (Alexei Frederick Maurice).

WALSH. – On November 13th at Queen Charlottes Hospital to Yael (nee Karrill and Richard – a daughter Maia Emily.

WARDROPER – On November 17th in York, to Catherine (Bolitho) and Rory, a daughter (Bridget).

WOOLLCOMBE-ADAMS. On November 13th at the Westminster Hospital to Beata and Rupert – a son.

WRAGG. – On November 9th, 1985, at Warrneford Hospital, Leamington Spa, to Sheila and John, two daughters (Kate Elizabeth and Anne-Marie Victoria).

BIRTHDAY

MISS JOHANN TRACY FAULKNER is 21 to-day. Happy birthday Love Mum and Dad.

DEATHS

ANDREWS – On November 17th, Winifrid Muriel, peacefully in her 88th year, beloved wife of the late Brian Andrews and dearly loved mother of John and Colin. Funeral service at St Michael's Church, Chagford at 2.30 p.m. Thursday 21st November.

AYRES. – *On 14th November 1985 peacefully in hospital, Edward Frank* B.E.M., aged 79 years of Gerrans Road, Eltham. S.E.9. Interment at Eltham Cemetery (Falconwood) Thursday 21st November. 3 p.m. Flowers to Francis Chappell & Sons, 72 High Street, Eltham, S.E.9.

BIGGS. – On 16th November 1985, peacefully after a long illness in Bournemouth, Sir Lionel Wilson Biggs, M. Dearly loved husband of Doris, much loved father of Neil and Jo Shirley. A late Councillor, Alderman and Lord Mayor of Westminster. Family flowers only please, donations to his memory for The British Diabetic Association will be gratefully received. Peverell-Scott-Portman Lodge. Funeral Home, 755 Christchurch Rd., Bournemouth 343311.

BLECHINGEDER. – On 17 November, peacefully at home, after a long illness bravely borne, Vera, beloved wife of Rudolf, loving mother of Kathryn & Ingrid & grandmother to Jonathan & Jeremy. Private cremation. Donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

BOTES. Peter Richard Beverley, MC, late RTR, suddenly, aged 62 on November 16th at Ewell. Beloved husband of Ann and younger son of Ada Botes. Cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead on Monday, November 26th at 12.30pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Let We Forget Appeal, c/o The National Westminster Bank, Victoria Road, Surbiton, Surrey.

BRAINE. – On November 15, peacefully at home Lilian Violet, dearly loved wife of Rear Admiral Richard Braine, mother of Richard Michael. Funeral service at St Johns Church, Littlet Green, Berkshire, at 11 am. 20 November.

BROOKE – On 15th November 1985, quietly at a London hospital after a short illness, Jane (nee Lane formerly Samuel). Funeral at St Lukes Church, Chelsea at 2pm on Thursday 21st November.

BROWELL. – On 17th November 1985, peacefully at Sutton Venev *Nursing Home, Eleanor Mary*, aged 81 yrs, wife of the late Captain J. G. Browell, M.C. of Needham, Berwick upon Tweed. Cremation private.

BURNSIDE, Bill. – A truely remarkable man, on 17th November 1985. All enquiries please to: 01-373 2871.

BYRNE – On November 16th, at St Anthony's Hospital, Cheam, Kevin George, aged 58. Sadly missed by all his family and friends. R.I.P. A service will be held at Ealing Abbey, on Thursday, 21st November at 7pm. Funeral: Friday 22nd, in Brighton. Family flowers only please, but donations in lieu of flowers may be made to The Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, 5 Bath Rd., Bromley, Kent.

CLARABUT. On November 18th, in Cape Town, peacefully, Dana (nee Peet Nelson), mother of John Wallinger. Private funeral in Cape Town.

COATES – On 15th November, peacefully in hospital, Barbara, beloved wife and companion of Jack, wonderful mother to Susan, Simon and Jenny, sister of Elaine and grandmother to Holly Jane. Thanksgiving Service following a private Cremation, at 2.45pm. Monday 25th November at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Shalbourne, Wiltshire. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to The Guide Dog for the Blind Association, 9 Hamilton Close, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex.

COOPER – On November 16th, peacefully at Coulsdon, Surrey, Agnes Rachel, wife of the late Lt. Col. A. C. Cooper. Royal Garhwal Rifles, Indian Army. Beloved mother of Paul & Primy, greatly of Burrswood, Groombridge, Kent, and grandmother of Mary, Sarah & John. Holy Communion at Woodcote Grove House, Coulsdon, at 11am, Monday November 25th, followed by Funeral at Croydon Crematorium, at 12.15pm. Family flowers only, donations to *Mrs G. Alwick at 2 Little* Richmond, Chilkwell Street, Glastonbury, Somerset for UK Friends of St Crispin's Home, Poona.

CRAWFORD – On Tuesday November 12th at his London home, Thomas (Tucker) R. Crawford MBE. Requiem Mass at St Dominics Priory, Southampton Rd, London NW5, on Wed. Nov 20th at 9.45am. followed by Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium at 11am. Flowers to the Crematorium.

DALZELL, Lieutenant Colonel John Lawrence, of Halford Hill Farm, Shipston on Stour, Warwickshire, suddenly at his home on November 17th, beloved husband of Mary, and father of Jane Coombs. Private funeral at St Marys Church, Halford, on Thursday, November 21st at 12 noon Family flowers only.

DOUGLAS – On 15th November 1985, gracefully at Alveston Leys in her 89th year, Dulcie, widow of Capt. Philip William Douglas, R.N., Loving and greatly loved mother of John and Philip, and devoted grandmother of James, Kate, Anna and Archie. Cremation private, followed by Thanksgiving Service at 11.45am. on Thursday 21st November, at St. James', Alveston. Family flowers only please, donations to Missions to Seamen, St. Michael Paternoster Royal, College Hill, London EC4R 2RL.

DEATHS

DRIVER – On November 15th, peacefully in hospital, Audrey Florence Mary (née Brigal), widow of Prof. John Driver, Hong Kong University. Funeral Service at Wherwell Parish Church on Thursday, November 21st, at 2pm.

FERGUSON. – On 17 November 1985, peacefully at home with her family, Nora Lilian (nee Ray), widow of Major General A R Ferguson, CMG, CBE, and beloved mother of Helena and Rosemary, much loved grandmother of Philip, Charles, Patrick, Edward, Victoria, Jessica, Jocelyn and Nicola and great grandmother of Christal. Funeral service at St Mary of Bethany, Mount Hermon Rd, Woking, at 2.45 on Friday, 22 November. No flowers, please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research.

GILES. – On November 18th, 1985, in London, Lt Col John Alfred Norton Giles, aged 80 years. Much loved by all his family & friends. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium at 2.15 on Thursday November 21. Family flowers only to: Kenyons, 83 Westbourne Grove, London, W2, but donations if desired to King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, Beaumont Street, London, W.1.

GOULD. – On November 18th 1985 peacefully in hospital, Dr Jonathan Gould, FRC Psych, MCSP, MRCS, of the Chantry House North, Petherton, formerly of Devonshire Place and Park Village East, London. Will be sorely missed by his wife, family and friends. Funeral on Wednesday, November 20th, 2.30 pm at Bridgewater. A service of thanksgiving will be held in London at a later date and friends will be notified.

HILL. – On November 16, very peacefully at Appledore, Kathleen (Kay), widow of Commander George Walter, and beloved mother of Mary, David, Ann and Andrew. Service of Thanksgiving at Appledore Church, Kent, November 23rd, at 3.00 pm. Private cremation afterwards.

JEFFRIES. – On November 16th, at home, Veronica Constance, beloved wife of Colin and a much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service at St Peters, Ightham, on Wednesday, November 20th at 11.30 am. No flowers, please, but donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o Sears Funeral Service, 21 High Street, Borough Green, Sevenoaks, Kent.

JEX-BLAKE. – On November 13th, 1985, Margaret Betty of Lymlinge, Dear sister of Frances. Funeral service at Lymlinge Parish Church, Kent, on Saturday, November 23rd, at 2.30pm, followed by interment. Flowers to 1 Dover Rd, Folkestone.

KELLETT CARDING. – On November 16th in Dorking General Hospital, Joan Isabel. Funeral private. No flowers, contributions to Harrowlands Appeal, may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, South Street, Dorking, Surrey.

KINNERSLEY. On November the 17th, peacefully in hospital, Sheila Douglass, dearly loved wife of the late John Farleigh, of Hollow Lodge, Shipham, Somerset, and beloved mother of Sue. Cremation at Canford Crematorium, Westbury on Trym, Bristol, at 2 pm on Friday, November 22nd. Family flowers only please. Donations to The Donkey Sanctuary, Sidmouth, Devon EX10.

MACKINTOSH. On 17 November, 1985, Joan, widow of Colonel A. M. Mackintosh, OBE, MC, and mother of Alison. Funeral private. No flowers please, but donations to RNLI may be sent to Sherlock & Son, Tellis House, Dorking, Surrey.

MARSTON, MBE, FCS, FIQ. – Suddenly at his home Le Moulin de Bas, Rue de Brulee, Trinity, Jersey, CI, on Friday, November 15, 1985, aged 69 years, Cecil Ernest Marston, MBE, FCS FIQ, dearly loved husband of Florence Margery. Loving father of Terry and Hilary, father-in-law of Margaret and Lou and devoted grandfather of Nicholas, Adam, Alexander, Elaine and Piers, he will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. The funeral will take place in Jersey, all enquiries please to H W Maillard & Sons Ltd, Funeral Directors. Tel: 0534 37291.

McGREAL. – On November 15th, peacefully, at Southport Infirmary, Eveline (née Wiswall) beloved wife of Martin (Joe), and dear mother of Father Wilfrid and Catherine Ann. Requiem mass at St Patricks, Southport, 10.30am, November 21st.

McMICHAEL. – On November 16th 1985, James Ramsey (Dr Mac), of *Hurst Green, Sussex*, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Service at Hurst Green Church on Friday November 22nd at 2.30pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Hawkhurst Cottage Hosp. c/o C. Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Burwash.

NORTHEY. – On 17th November, 1985, peacefully, Captain Adrian Paul Wilbraham, C.B.E. D.S.C. Royal Navy, of Kingsdown House, Box, Corsham, Wilts. Very dearly loved husband of Bettie and father of Tim and Pip. Funeral at St Thomas à Becket, Box, Friday 22nd November, at 11.30am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to Box Church. P.C.C. The Vicarge, Box, Wilts.

PEARSON, Hubert Edward Spencer (usually M.D., F.R.C.P.) on 15th November, Requiem Mass at S.S. Joseph and Teresa, Chamberlain St. Wells, Somerset on Friday, 22nd November at 11. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Friends of Peru, Worth Abbey, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 4SD.

RUDMAN. – *On Saturday November* 16 Margaret Mary, the widow of Walter Rudman, peacefully at Shocklewood Nursing Home, Dept 47 Wilts. in her 90th year. Funeral at St Andrews Parish Church, Chippenham on Friday November 22 at 12.30 p.m.

SAMPSON. – On November 18, aged 73, Quentin Eric of Chipstead, Surrey, dearly loved husband, father, brother, father-in-law, grandfather and Grandpa, will be greatly missed by all his family and his many friends. Funeral service at St Mary Woodmansterne, at 12.30 pm Friday, November 22. No flowers, please, but donations, in his memory, may be sent to Kenward Ward Fund, Royal Marsden Hospital, Downs Road, Sutton, Surrey.

SANDERS. – On November 17, peacefully after an illness borne with great courage, Edward Russell, CMG, MBE, aged 84. Dearly loved husband of Vera. Funeral 2.30 pm, Thursday, November 21st, at Hoppingfield Crematorium. Family flowers only but donation please to Sudan Church Assoc., 9 Emsmore Avenue, Guildford, Surrey.

SLACK. – On November 17th, Cecil Moorhouse Slack, MC, peacefully at home, aged 92, widower of Dora Willatt Slack and much loved father of William, Tom and Mary. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Beverley, Monday, 25th November, at 2 pm. No flowers, private cremation. Family flowers only.

SMITH-MASTERS on November 14th peacefully, at Dawlish, Joan Mary aged 94. Beloved wife of the late Major Tom Smith-Masters and much loved mother of George and Margaret. Enquiries to B. G. Wills & Son, Funeral Directors, 22 Brunswick Place, Dawlish, Devon.

YATES. – On November 16th, suddenly, John Martin Coucher. Funeral at Caldy Church, Wirral. No flowers. Enquiries to Quinns Funeral Service 051 625 5274.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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SPEED. – A memorial service will be held for Mrs Nicola Patricia Mary Speed on Friday, November 29th, 1985. 12 noon at St Mary's RC Church, Cadogan Street, London SW3.

TODMAN. – A memorial service for Mr Tony Todman will be held at the St Marylebone Parish Church, Marylebone Road, London NW1, at 12 noon on Monday, 9th December. All who wish to join Tony's family and friends will be most welcome.

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax.
6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and travel at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; plus, Junior Advice Line at 7.32 followed by the adult version approximately an hour later; Alan Titchmarsh's gardening hints; and a recipe from Glynn Christian.
9.20 CBI Conference. The final morning's debates.
10.30 Play School.
10.50 CBI Conference. Further coverage of the proceedings in Harrogate including the address by the President of the CBI, Sir James Clemenson.
12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale includes subtitled news headlines 12.55. Regional news and weather.
1.00 Pebble Mill at One with guests, comedian Lenny Henry, and Dr David Delvin who begins a short series on fighting Britain's number one killer, heart disease 1.45 Mr Benn. (r).
2.00 Birth Right. Peter Huntingford's personal views of maternity services (r).
2.25 Claire Rayner's Casebook. Three bereaved spouses talk about how they coped with the loneliness since the death of their partners (r) 2.50 Songs of Praise from Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, Northants. (r) (Ceefax) 3.25 Ceefax. 3.52 Regional news.
3.55 Bertha, narrated by Roy Kinnear with Sheila Walker 4.10 SuperTed. Adventures of a magical bear 4.15 Jonny Briggs. Part four of the serial about a young man living in the north of England 4.30 Spy Trap. Teams from Leamington Spa and South Croydon try to discover the identity of a traitor.
4.45 So You Want to be Top. Advice for those who aspire to teacher's pet. 5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Grange Hill. Episode nine (r) (Ceefax).
5.35 Masterteam.
6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Telly Addicts presented by Noel Edmunds. For the eleventh week running the Pain family from Swindon are on the show. With the daunting task of toppling them are the Westons of Brighton.
7.30 EastEnders. Pete and Kathy plan to trap the blackmailer, while along at No 45 Pauline and Arthur receive another shock (Ceefax).
8.00 Hold the Back Page! Part two of the ten-episode series on a Fleet Street sports journalist and Ken, as Wimbledon approaches, suggest to his editor that they sponsor a promising young tennis player (Ceefax).
8.50 Points of View. Barry Took with another selection of letters to the BBC.
9.00 News with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Weather.
9.25 Cagney and Lacey. The two New York policewomen investigate a series of robberies on Catholic churches which lead to the murder of a young nun who happens to be the goddaughter of one of the city's top gangsters (Ceefax).
10.15 Film 85. Meryl Streep's Plenty is reviewed as is When Father Was Away on Business, The Boys Next Door, and Back to the Future.
10.45 Your Mind in Their Hands. National Health treatment of mental illness (r).
11.10 The Rock Gospel Show. Among the guests are Sal Solo and Petra (r).
11.45 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Nick Owen and Anneka Rice. News with Jayne Irving at 6.17, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; exercises at 6.20; sport at 6.35 and 7.34; regional report at 7.15; cartoon at 7.24; pop video at 7.55; Grossman's ghosts at 8.17; film review at 8.34; Iris Williams at 9.04; winter holiday and travel advice at 9.12.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 For Schools: Physics: the Laws of Motion. 9.55 Children describe the strange and puzzling things around them. 10.09 A picnic at a bird sanctuary. 10.26 Family affairs. 10.48 Evidence for the modern theory of evolution. 11.10 Exploring environmental sounds. 11.27 Resting. 11.44 A local history project on the Silvertown munitions factory explosion of 1917.
12.00 Flicks. Christopher Lillicrap with the story of the Little Red Lighthouse. 12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets and guest Bonnie Langford (r). 12.30 The Sullivans. Drama serial about an Australian family during the Forties.
1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin. Weather. 1.20 Thames news, presented by Tricia Ingrams. 1.30 Gems. The third of seven compilations from the serial set in Covent Garden fashion workshop (r).
2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a topical matter. 3.00 Cross Wits. Crossword game with guests Kenneth Williams and Liz Frazer. 3.25 Thames news headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors. Medical drama about the patients and staff of a large Australian city hospital.
4.00 Flicks. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.10 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends (r). 4.20 Dangermouse (r). 4.45 Splash. The programme in which the young viewers decide the content.
5.15 Blockbusters. Bob Holness with another round of the general knowledge quiz game for teenagers.
5.45 News with Michael Nicholson. 6.00 Thames news.
6.25 Reporting London presented by Michael Barratt. Bill Wigmore reveals how citizens' private secrets can be obtained by anyone just by making a telephone call; and Michael Wilson investigates the world of the 'minder' – an area that has the makings of a growth industry.
7.00 Emmerdale Farm. Jackie has made his wedding plans. Will Sharma still be a part of them?
7.30 Name That Tune. Fast-moving musical quiz presented by Lionel Blair.
8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. The entertainer's guests are Jack Jones, Mack and Jamie and Hofi Karlsdottir, the lady from Iceland who is the new Miss World.
9.00 Heart of the High Country. Episode two of the six-part drama set in New Zealand in the 1870s about a young immigrant girl from England, and Ceci, now widowed, has the daunting task of delivering her baby alone.
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 Woman to Woman. Miriam Stoppard in conversation with the Prime Minister.
11.10 The London Standard Drama Awards for 1985 introduced by Ned Sherrin from London's Guildhall. The categories are: Best Actress, Actor, Musical, Play and Comedy, plus the Sydney Edwards Award for Best Director and Most Promising Playwright. Extracts from winning productions will be shown.
12.10 Night Thoughts.



Flaco Jiminez: accordionist. Arena, BBC 2, 10.00pm

● This week's *Arena* film, THE ACCORDION STRIKES BACK (BBC 2, 10.00pm) is rather less than 60 minutes of praise from fans and executants of what is affectionately (or derisively) known as the squeeze-box. It is rather less than 60 minutes of adulation because there is a dissenting voice, and it belongs to Paul Griffiths, music critic of *The Times*, who goes on record as saying that he rather loathes the instrument, and quotes from *Groves* in dismissing it as little more than a toy. Obliquely, Mr Griffiths gets a measure of support from the sequence in which a caring husband plugs his accordion into his wife's vacuum cleaner so that she can have music while she works. None the less, Stockhausen has given the instrument a modicom of respectability by writing a piece for it, and Dickens once played *Home Sweet Home* on it to an audience of women, and Tolstoy and Tchaikovsky were much taken with it. *The Establishment* is proving slow to warm to the accordion. The BBC said no to the accordionist who asked to be considered for the Young Musician of the Year competition, and the young lady who has chosen to make a living from the accordion admits that probably the most she can hope for is to be given a booking to play in the National Theatre foyer.

● For its own good, and for our comprehension, GOING HOME (BBC 2, 9.00pm), the second play in Graham Reid's sequence of dramas about the tensions between Ulster folk and the security forces, is over-ambitious in the number of thorny issues it tries to grasp. It is a graphic illustration of the near-impossibility of trying to devise a formula that allows the views of all sides in the Northern Ireland situation to be examined in one and the same programme. And when you add the complication of the colour of one's skin to the highly contentious questions of sectarian bigotry, you need to be as much of a juggler as a dramatist. Three plots, then: Catholic girl married to Protestant soldier; Protestant girl in love with Catholic (and black) soldier; Catholic girl having an affair with a married man. The first two sub-plots are strong enough to make plays on their own. The third has only limited interest and relevance. Graham Reid talks to Lynda Henderson about his sequence of Ulster plays in tonight's Tuesday Feature, on Radio 4 at 8.30.

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CHOICE

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.
9.20 Daytime on Two: For moderately handicapped young adults. 9.35 French conversation. 9.52 Maths: fine adjustments 10.15 Part eight of the ghost story, Dark Towers 10.38 How Blackburn came to be dominated by a single industry 11.00 An introduction to brass instruments. With children from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama 11.17 The Iron and Steel industry 11.39 Science: applications of Newton's Laws of Motion.
12.00 French language version of the profile of Baron de Dietrich 12.30 German conversation course for beginners 12.55 Learning English from popular television programmes 1.20 Spanish conversation 1.38 Highland myths and legends 2.00 For four-and-five-year olds 2.15 Producing sugar in East Africa and East Anglia 2.40 Science: cells. 3.00 Ceefax.
5.30 News Summary with subtitles. Weather.
5.35 Great Experiments. Professor Heinz Wolff reveals the connection between William Henry Perkin's accidental discovery of the first synthetic dye and the identification of the cause of tuberculosis and the cure for syphilis.
6.00 Tucker's Luck. It seems to be good now that he has a girlfriend and a job.
6.25 Open to Question. Young people from all over Britain have the chance to question Vladimir Posner, the leading commentator of Russian radio and television.
7.00 Whistle Test. With David Hepworth at the Camden Palace to hear The Cure; Andy Kershaw in the studio with Feargal Sharkey and The Waterboys. On film Lloyd Cole talks to Ro Newton and Mark Ellen is with Kiss making their new video. The Hindsight slot features a 1979 performance by The Teardrop Explodes.
8.00 Call My Bluff. Arthur Marshall is joined by Julia McKenzie and Chris Serle; Frank Muir by Fern Britton and Robin Bailey.
8.30 Food and Drink includes details of a competition to design the best easy-to-understand system of nutritional food-labelling; plus a special report from Ireland on the definitive Irish stew; an investigation into carrots; and a 15-minute recipe for home-made Irish bread.
9.00 Ties of Blood: Going Home, by Graham Reid (see Choice).
10.00 Arena: The Accordion Strikes Back. A tribute to the maligned instrument, ending with a visit to the World Accordion Solo Championships (see Choice).
11.00 Newsnight includes a report from Peter Snow on the progress of the Summit meeting in Geneva 11.45 Weather.
11.50 The Lords Today. Highlights of the day's proceedings in the Upper House. Ends at 12.10

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Conference '85. The second and final morning's proceedings from Harrogate, the venue of the CBI Conference. 12.30 Close.
2.30 Gallery. Art quiz chaired by George Melly. The regular team leaders, Maggi Hambling and Frank Whitford, are joined by Humphrey Lyttelton and Philip Core, and two students, Shauna Barnicoat and Paul Janks (r).
3.00 Sea War*. Part six of the 13-programme series on the part played by the Royal Navy in the Allied victory in the Second World War highlights the sinking of the armed merchant raider Atlantis and the scuttling of the Graf Spee in Montevideo.
3.30 World of Animation.
3.45 Years Ahead. Magazine programme for the older viewer, presented by Robert Dougall. This week's edition includes an item on Styal Museum, Cheshire, a former cotton mill now employing retired cotton workers.
4.30 Countdown. The reigning champion, Tim O'Kane, is challenged by Robert Bosher from Sunderland.
5.00 Bewitched. Larry and Louise are annoyed by Samantha and Darrin accompanying them on their second honeymoon.
5.30 Make It Pay. This week's programme in the series on profitable past-times examines pyrography – burning designs in wood – and leatherwork (Oracle).
6.00 Well Being. Pamela Armstrong examines the causes of heart disease and what can be done to prevent them (r).
7.00 Channel Four news with Peter Sissons and Alastair Stewart.
7.50 Comment. Continuing this week's theme dealing with the subjects being discussed at the Geneva Summit is Russian political analyst Dmitri Ardamatsky. Weather.
8.00 Brookside. Doreen Corkhill is frightened by Harry's tales of misfortune that have befallen the Close's residents.
8.40 4 What It's Worth. Consumer affairs programme presented by Penny Junor. John Stoneborough presents the first of a two-part investigation into a scandal that has lost many people from all walks of life, their savings; Joan Shenton examines the unsatisfactory way complaints about hospital treatment are handled; and David Stafford discovers the best buys in dishwashers.
9.00 Film: Pray TV (1982) starring John Ritter and Ned Beatty. A made-for-television drama about a young churchman who joins a television evangelist and is shocked to discover that the preacher seems to worship Mammon more than God. Directed by Robert Markowitz.
10.50 Another America: Signals Through Flames. A profile of the Living Theatre Company. Ends at 12.15.

Radio 4

On long wave, † also VHF stereo.
5.55 Shipping.
6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer For The Day.
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.20 Letters. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411 – Anthropologist Richard Leakey answers questions on the origin of man (lines open from 8.00am).
10.00 News; From Our Own Correspondent. BBC reporters talk about the countries they work in.
10.30 Morning Story: Letting Go by Judith Cutler. Reader: Jenny Howe.
10.45 Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 71).†
11.00 News; Travel; Thirty-minute Theatre: Just a Tick by Jean Binnie. With Julia Sharon as the teenage girl wanting to be enrolled at a College of Further Education.†
11.30 Solomon Grundy. Phil Smith continues a cradle-to-the-grave exploration of life in the mill towns of north-east Lancashire by listening to experiences of marriage.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice with Pattie Coldwell.
12.27 Michael Parkinson celebrates his enthusiasms with the help of the BBC Sound Archives. 12.55 Weather; Travel.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes a feature on safety precautions for elderly people living on their own. Also, episode 7 of The Journal of Edwin Carp, read by Ian Lavender.
3.00 The Afternoon Play: Package Bwanas, by Guy Slater. With Brenda Blethyn and Richard Durden. A holidaying woman's attitudes change radically after an encounter with a young man on a West African beach.†
4.00 News.
4.05 The Food Programme. Derek Cooper on our daily bread. (r).
4.30 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan presents the arts magazine, first heard last night. (r).
5.00 PM: News magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 News; Financial Report.
6.30 Top Of The Form. Pilgrim Upper School, Bedford v West Buckland School, Barnstaple (r).
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 File On 4. Major issues at home and abroad.
8.00 Medicine Now. Geoff Watts on the health of medical care.
8.30 The Tuesday Feature: Graham Reid, The playwright, whose series Ties of Blood continues on BBC2 tonight at 9.00, talks to Lynda Henderson.
9.00 In Touch. Magazine for listeners with a visual handicap.
9.30 The Music Of Work. Kevin Crossley-Holland with more work songs from all over the world: Sources of Sustenance. (r).
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine with David Roper. Includes comment on the BBC2 documentary series Comrades, and the film When Father was Away on Business.
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: Plain or Ringlets? by R. S. Surtees (12) Reader: John Franklyn-Robbins. 10.29 Weather.
10.30 The World Tonight.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping. VHF (available in England and S. Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.30 Time and Tune 11.20 Time to Move. 11.40 Musicianship. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner. 2.05 History: Not So Long Ago. 2.25 Contact. 2.40 Pictures in Your Mind (Stories). 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-time Broadcasting. Economics O-level 12.30 Large Firms – British Petroleum Company plc 12.50 Public Enterprise – British Telecom.

Radio 3

7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Bach's Fantasia in G, BWV 572, arranged by Goldman (Cleveland Symphonic Winds); Schubert's 'Trout' Quintet (Richter with Borodin Quartet members) 10.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Purcell's Sailor's song and dance from Dido and Aeneas, Act 3 (with Rachel Bevan, soprano, and Tavener Choir and Players). Weber's Polonaise brillante, arranged by Liszt (Dichler, piano and the Philharmonia); Rachmaninov's Symphonic Dances, Op 45 (Amsterdam Concertgebouw).10.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Copland. Nocturne, 1926 (Kaufman violin, with Copland at the piano); Quartet for piano and strings, 1950 (Cantilena Chamber Players); Ukele Serenade (Louis and Annnette Kaufman, pianos); Symphony for organ, 1924 (Biggs and the NYPO).†
10.00 Bavarian Radio SO play Glazunov's Ouverture Solonnelle, Op 73; and Symphony No 5.†
10.45 BBC Singers: Poulenc's Laudes de S Antone de Padue; Caplet's mass for women's voices; Poulenc's Quatre Motets pour un temps de penitance. Conducted by Simon Joly.†
11.30 Peter Donohoe: piano recital. Bach's French Suite No 5 in G, BWV 816; Busoni's Toccata. 1921; Elegie No 2. 1907; Bach's Toccata, Adagio and fugue in C, BWV 564, transcribed by Busoni.†
12.25 Bournemouth Sinfonietta (directed by Ronald Thomas, violin). Part one. Handel's Concerto Grosso in A, Op 6 No 11; Schubert's Rondo in A, for violin and strings.†1.00 News.
1.05 Concert: part two. Mozart's Serenade in D, K 204.†
1.40 Guitar Encores: Evangelos and Liza play Bach's French Suite No 3, BWV 814; Carulli's Duo No 2 in G, Op 34; Granados's Intermezzo from Goyescas; Danza espanol, No 2 (Oriental).†
2.10 Szell in Cleveland: Cleveland Orchestra, with Peter Frankl (piano). Schubert's overture Rosamunde; Mozart's Piano Concerto No 22. Interval reading at 3.05. At 3.10, Brahms's Symphony No 2.
4.00 Live Tuesday Afternoon: Erich Gruenberg (violin), John McCabe (piano). Schumann's Sonata No 1, Op 105; Prokofiev's Sonata No 1 in F minor, Op 80.14.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Fritz Spiegl presents a programme of recorded music.†
6.30 Early music: Tallis works, played by Robert Woolley on the 1680 Dalam organ at Ergué-Gaberic, near Quimper, Brittany, including Felix Namque 11; and Natus est nobis.†
7.10 More Pange Papers: (3) Brian Wright reads more chapters from his comic work. Tonight: Cheapsakes.
7.30 City of Birmingham SO (under Rattle), with Alfred Brendel(piano). Part one. Mozart's Symphony No 40; and Debussy's Jeux; poème dansé.†
8.20 The Soviet Intellectual's Dilemma: a talk by Mary Seton-Watson.
8.40 Concert: part two. Brahms's Piano Concerto No 1.†
9.40 Rooms: a sequence of Anne Sexton's poems compiled by Julia Stoneham, and read by Connie Booth.
10.00 Jezz Today: Charles Fox presents Bush Sense.
11.00 The Moyse Legacy: Doppler's Fantasie pastorale hongroise; Beethoven's Trio in G; Mozart's Flute Concerto in D, K 314. The performers include Marcel Moyse (flute), and Blanch Moyse (viola).†
11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown.

Radio 2

News on the hour. Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. Sports Desks 1.05pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 8.02, 8.45. (MF) only, 9.55. 4.00am Colin Berry.† 6.00 Ray Moore.† 8.05 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Sue Cook. Medical questions answered by Dr Bill Dolman 1.05pm David Jacobs.† 2.00 Gloria Hunniford.† 3.30 Music All The Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton.† 6.00 John Dunn 8.00 Soccer Special. 9.00 BBC Radio Orchestra.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Cinema Scrapbook: Soundtrack Memories of 1981 – introduced Chris Kelly. 10.30 Brain of Sport. Pete Murray, Martin Ross and Robert Tracey compete for a place in the semi-finals. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Charles Nove (presents Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.†

Radio 1

6.00am Adrian John. 7.30 Mike Read. 9.30 Andy Peebles. 12.30pm Newsbeat (Frank Partridge). 12.45 Gary Davies with this week's Top 40. 3.00 Steve Wright. 5.30 Newsbeat (Frank Partridge). 5.45 Bruno Brookes. VHF: 4.00 As Radio 2. 8.00 I Call it Genius (C B. Cochran). 9.00 BBC Radio Orchestra 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00-12.00 John Peel. 12.00-4.00 As Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Images of Britain. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Development '85. 8.30 Beethoven and the Violin. 9.00 News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 What's New. 10.00 News. 10.01 Discovery. 10.30 Kipps. 11.00 News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Waveguide. 12.00 A Letter From Scotland. 12.15 The Tudors. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 Recording Of The Week. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 The Sacred Choir. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 A Jolly Good Show. 4.00 News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Omnibus. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 News. 5.09 A Letter From Scotland. 5.15 Meridian. 8.00 News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 9.15 Concert Hall. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 A Letter From Scotland. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Sing Gospel. 11.30 The Tudors. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Omnibus. 1.00 News. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Report On Religion. 1.45 Country Style. 2.00 News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 The Classical Clarinet. 2.30 Kipps. 3.00 News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Discovery. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Waveguide. 4.40 Book Choice. 5.45 The World Today.

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BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35pm-7.00 The Chriss Stuart Cha Cha Chat Show. 9.25-9.55 Week In Week Out. 9.55-10.45 Cagney and Lacey. 11.45-11.50 News and Weather. SCOTLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 8.50-8.55 Ringing Strings. 8.55-9.00 Party Political Broadcast (Scottish National Party). 10.45-11.15 Grimble on Islands (Arran). 11.15-11.40 Your Mind In Their Hands. 11.40-11.45 News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Mastersam. 7.00-7.30 Channel One. 10.45-11.20 Happy Families. 11.20-11.55 The Rock Gospel Show. 11.55-12.00 News and weather. ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

S4C Starts 9.30am CBI Conference. 12.30pm Interval. 1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Taking A Line For A Walk. 2.00 Hwnt ac Yma. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hyn o Fyd. 2.55 Well Being. 3.55 Pottery Ladies. 4.25 Bewitched. 4.55 Hannar awr Fawr. 5.30 Betty White Show. 6.00 Time Out of War. 6.30 Panigamp. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Cefn Gwlad. 8.00 Paul Hogan Show. 8.30 Man About the House. 9.00 Tan Tro Nesa. 9.45 Enigma. 10.15 Well Being. 11.00 Film: The Tempest (Toyah Wilcox). 12.45 Closedown.

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TVS As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Country Practice. 3.00-3.30 Questions. 5.15-5.45 Sons and Daughters. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.25 Police 5. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 12.10am Company, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardens for All. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30 Bygones. 12.10am Comedy tonight. 12.40 Take for Example, Closedown.

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TUC set to agree labour law pact

By Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

The TUC looks set tomorrow to move a significant stage further in its compromise with recent labour law. In a confidential paper before its key employment committee, union leaders are urged to come to terms with employment legislation on two crucial fronts.

The paper urges any future Labour government not to conduct wholesale repeal of Conservative legislation especially over the right to hold ballots before strikes.

And in an attempt to diffuse the simmering row with the engineering and electricians' unions, the paper calls for a "free post" system whereby unions can be provided with state funds for ballots while maintaining independence.

In a particularly revelatory passage on the Government's strike ballot statutes, the paper says: "To simply remove these provisions and not introduce some new measures in this area could lead to accusations that unions were diminishing the rights of members and were anti-democratic."

It adds: "It is most important to avoid giving the impression that the TUC and its affiliates are resisting union democracy."

The document was prepared to pave the way for industrial relations legislation under a future Labour government, but has important implications for the current conflicts within the TUC in which the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers and the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union could be expelled for accepting state funds for ballots.

In future consultations with unions and the Labour Party, the paper says the TUC will need to explore whether systems of public funding can be evolved while protecting the union's independence.

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President Furyler of Switzerland accompanying President Reagan and, later, Mr Gorbachov past a guard of honour.

Swiss salute the summit leaders

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headlines, but on policies that will last".

He repeatedly stressed that the President was seeking long-term solutions that would endure, noting that the achievements of previous US-Soviet summits had not been long-lasting.

Mr Vladimir Lomeiko, the Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, was to have given a similar assessment of the summit's prospects from Moscow's point of view, but he walked out of a press conference following an incident involving a Soviet dissident who had interrupted previous Soviet press briefings.

Just as Mr Lomeiko was about to start speaking, a Swiss official tried to remove Mrs Irina Grivnina, who left the Soviet Union only a month ago, from the briefing room.

Television cameras swarmed around her as she loudly protested against the way the Soviet Union deals with dissidents. Despite Mr Lomeiko's exhortation to her to end her "provocation", she refused to leave the room, so Mr Lomeiko picked up his papers and left instead. "You can't have two people speaking at the same time," Mr Lomeiko declared. Later, he gave a short press conference to a handful of journalists during which he briefly touched on the Soviet position on space weapons during the summit.

The key session of the summit - the one dealing with arms reductions - will take place this afternoon. Both leaders are expected to go over their respective proposals for reducing nuclear weapons which have been put forward at the Geneva arms talks during the past month.

Although these proposals contain points of convergence which will be examined in greater detail by Soviet and US arms negotiators during the months ahead, there was no sign that either leader is prepared to shift on the question of President Reagan's Star Wars space defence research programme, the main obstacle to progress at the arms talks.

American officials yesterday emphasized that the President was not prepared to bargain away his strategic defence initiative, as Star Wars is formally known, in exchange for cuts in offensive weapons.

"Mr Reagan will explain why he believes a space-based defensive system can produce a more stable relationship in the future and will also make the point that the US cannot be expected to abandon Star Wars research when the Soviet Union is pressing ahead with its own strategic defence programme.

Mr Gorbachov is expected to repeat his insistence that there can be no progress on reducing strategic weapons until the US abandons Star Wars.

While the President and Mr Gorbachov are discussing arms, their two wives will be taking tea together at the Maison de Saussure where the Reagans are staying while in Geneva.

Mrs Gorbachov has been described as the Soviet leader's "secret weapon", and her sense of fashion and her warm, outgoing manner attracted much favourable attention during the Gorbachov's visit to London and Paris.

When she arrived yesterday she was wearing a grey coat with a silver fox collar, and matching fur hat, set at a jaunty angle. Fashion experts said she could prove more than a match for the style-conscious Mrs Reagan at this afternoon's tea party.

Search for volcano survivors continues

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age of houses. Three of four survivors were pulled from the mud on Sunday. The Government bowed to local pressure and said that searching would go on until everyone, including the townspeople, were satisfied that no person could still be alive.

The co-ordinator of the national emergency committee in Bogotá said: "The Government will do everything to rescue victims, however much time it takes. When you are dealing with human life, you take no chances." Meanwhile, he said, the Government was taking precautions against the spread of disease.

Church authorities say it is up to the church to declare Armero *campo santo*, and that there was no chance of this happening while people could still be found alive.

Some survivors are reluctant to leave, and others are returning to search for their belongings.

Nearly 6,000 families are homeless in the disaster zone, which covers both sides of the mountain range and includes many towns and villages. These people are being looked after in schools and Red Cross centres or have left to stay with relatives.

In Gucyabal, a few miles north of Armero, refugees queued for food, water and clothing. In Mariquita, 20 miles north of Armero, the town hospital was suddenly empty after being under heavy pressure for five days. All of its serious cases had been airlifted to Bogotá and those with minor injuries have been released.

Two Royal Air Force helicopters and a Hercules transport aircraft joined the relief and rescue operation yesterday having flown from Belize.

Nicaragua's refusal to allow RAF Puma helicopters, bringing British aid from Belize, to enter its air space on the flight south to Colombia has further damaged the Sandinista Government's image in Bogota. A radio commentator noted that "no country in Latin America has strived more than Colombia to allow Nicaragua to live in peace" in a region where it is "threatened by hostile forces" (a reference to the United States-backed "Contra" rebels).

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Letter from Rangoon

When money turns into confetti

There has been a fair old run on the banks in Rangoon this past week. Not, as is usually the case in such moments of monetary panic, to take money out, but to put it in.

Two weeks ago the Burmese Government, without prior warning, announced that the country's principal unit of currency, the 100 kyat note, was no longer legal tender, and would be replaced by a new denomination note of 75 kyats. This is equivalent to the Bank of England announcing one Sunday lunchtime that the Florence Nightingale brown tenner was henceforth worthless and that in future we would all pay our bills in £8 notes.

The first people to be caught by the lightning demonitization were the few tourists that Burma admits within its hermetic frontiers. Their fistfuls of the grubby brown notes were suddenly useless, and in their frustration they threw them at airport officials like confetti, with which their monetary value had just reached parity.

I have just paid a hotel bill, and had to hand over the sum in a pile of small denomination 10 and 25 kyat notes as thick as a deck of well played cards.

Since then the majestically patient Burmese have been queueing at the banks every day to offload their 100 kyat notes, which at the official rate of exchange were worth about £10 each. But on the black market £10, or even better $10, could have bought up to 400 kyats.

The catch is that citizens will be able to exchange old currency for new up to a maximum of 5,000 kyats, which is like the Bank of England abolishing tenners and declaring that, however many of them you have hoarded under the mattress, they are worth no more than £500.

Families with more than the regulation amount must, in the words of the official announcement, "temporarily deposit the balance with the Government". That means that, if they are ever to have the slightest chance of getting it back, they must prove not only that it is theirs, but that it was legitimately acquired.

This is the second time that Burma's Socialist Government has tried demonetization in an effort to control the black market economy. There is, it is assumed, far more money outside the official banking system than in it stored under beds or more safely in ant and rat proof chests in the attic.

Burma lives under a state-planned economy, and the plans do not provide the things people want. Huge quantities of goods from cement to lightbulbs, radios to deodorant, are smuggled over the border from Thailand, passing down a long chain of dealers, couriers and wholesalers, each of whom takes his cut.

On a mission to replace a mislaid shaving kit, I found on a Rangoon market stall a familiar brand of English deodorant aerosol on sale in Boots for 75p, which at the official rate of exchange would have cost a brutal £25.

The goods are generally smuggled on foot across the border from Thailand. The main routes lie through territory held by the Karen rebels who tax the booty as it passes to help finance their longstanding insurrection against the Rangoon Government.

The Rangoon Government fares at last 19 rebel movements on the borders of its farflung nation. Some are financed by the opium trade from the Golden Triangle on the Burma Laos Thailand border.

All of which means that the Government has been losing huge amounts of potential tax revenue which it badly needs to help fight the various rebellions.

In this latest move it is as always the rich who will come off best. Whether with lightbulbs deodorants or legitimate banknotes, they will be able to bribe bank officials to testify that the barrowloads of 100 kyat notes they wheel in are clean.

And even now, somewhere in the rebel Shan country with a printing press, is supposedly examining a crisp new 75 kyat note with a magnifying glass in one hand and an engraver's stylus in the other.

Alan Hamilton

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THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today'events

Royal engagements

The Queen attends a service in Westminster Abbey, 9.55; and then inaugurates the Fourth General Synod of the Church of England, Church House, Dean's Yard, SW1, 12.15.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits Harrow School and attends a service to mark the centenary of the death of Lord Shaftesbury, 4.

The Prince of Wales, President, the Royal Jubilee and Prince's Trusts, visits projects supported by the trusts in West Yorkshire, arrives Ilkley Station, 10; later, accompanied by the Princess of Wales he visits the Ambulance Station at Saxton Lane, Leeds, 2.30; and then they attend a reception at the Air Recording Studios, 214 Oxford St, 8.30.

The Princess of Wales, President, Dr Barnardo's, visits Dr B's Kitchen, 13 Knaresborough Rd, Harrogate, 11.15, and later visits Cookridge Hospital, Hospital Lane, Leeds, 12.30.

Princess Margaret, Master of the Bench, attends the Lincoln's Inn Amity dinner, 7.

The Duke of Gloucester opens Neale-Wade Community College, March, Cambridgeshire, 10.50.

The Duchess of Kent opens Princess Beatrice House, Earls Court, London, 11.30.

Princess Alexandra presents the 1985 Torch Trophy Trust Awards at Simpson (Piccadilly), London, 6.25.

Prince Michael of Kent attends the 400th anniversary celebrations of the City of Westminster, Festival Hall, 7.25.

New exhibitions

Charles Hamilton Surley: First World War poet; English Faculty Library, The St Cross Building, Manor Rd, Oxford; Mon to sat 9.30 to 7 (ends Dec 3).

Special Christmas exhibition; Bluecoat Display Centre, Bluecoat Chambers, School Lane, Liverpool; Tues to Fri 10.30 to 5.30, Sat 10.30 to 2.30 (ends Nov 30).

Christmas Show – Present Art – fine arts and exceptional crafts; Grape Lane Gallery, 17 Grape Lane, Low Petergate, York; Tues to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Jan 11).

Music

Concert by The University of Ulster Orchestra; Jordanstown Campus, Belfast, 8.

Concert by the University Chamber Orchestra; King's Hall, Newcastle University, 1.10.

Organ recital by Paul Brough; works by Elgar, Grieg and Bill Haley; Bristol, Cathedral, 1.15

Concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra; works by Mozart, Debussy and Brahms; Town Hall, Birmingham, 7.30.

Organ recital by Andrew Lumsden; Winchester College Chapel, 7.30.

Concert by the African Children's Choir; Sheffield Cathedral, 7.30.

Organ recital by Ronald Frost; St Ann's Church, Manchester, 12.45.

Violin recital by Anthony Marwood; St David's Hall, Cardiff, 1.05.

Recital by the students of Salford College of Technology; Peel Hall, Salford University, 12.35.

Talks, lectures

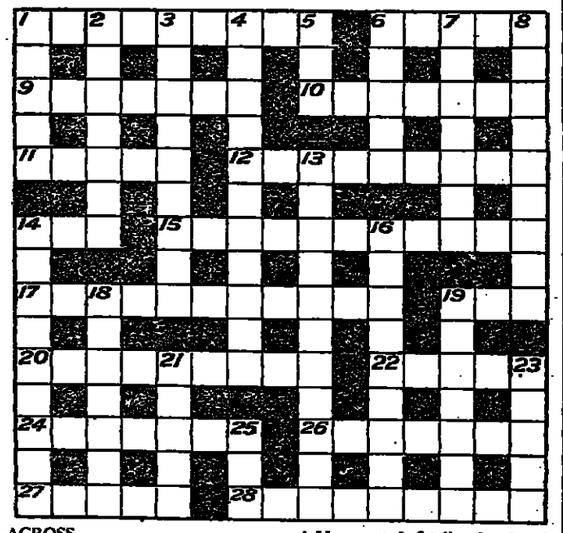
Mazdaznan and mumbo jumbo at the Bauhaus by Frank Whitford; Ruskin School, 74 High St, Oxford, 4.45.

Entertainment in Georgian Bath: vice and gambling, by Dr G. Davis; Banqueting Room, Guildhall, Bath, 1.10.

Eminent Victorian scene painters: Clarkson Stanfield to Sir Laurence Alma Tadema, by Dr P. T. van der Merwe; Reception Room, Wills Memorial Building, Bristol University, 5.15.

Britain and Australia: the inheritance of government, by Sir Zelman Cowen; Room 141, Elvet Riverside Lecture Rooms, Stage II, New Elvet, Durham, University, 5.15.

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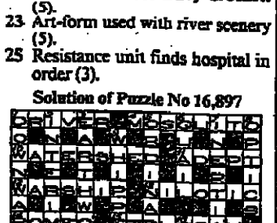
ACROSS

1 Grand Duchess shows the way to the Continent by leading articles (9).
6 State to call sloth? (5).
9 Understood to have small branches (7).
10 Overcoat for an anaemic child (7).
11 Inquire, say, where this boy is (5).
12 Point to horse – winner by a whisker? (3-6).
14 United won, I hear (3).
15 Country masseuse can make lines vanish (5-6).
17 Novel character of char's hat? (5,6).
19 Give back present – it's mine (3).
20 Joseph's home, Maria, heat goulash (9).
22 Nullified what international body accomplished (5).
24 A storm to the navy nowadays is nothing (7).
26 Continental act's first class, with one new arrangement (7).
27 More love letters for Montague? (5).
28 About to scoff at potato, returning from fathers' ship? (9).

DOWN

1 Mendicant? What an old clown! (5).
2 Aid to change attitude to Fatty (7).
3 The beast gives valley girl a flower (5-4).
4 Unexpected fatality breaks tie (6,5).
5 Highland pasture sets a record (3).
6 Was it ungentlemanly of Adam to do so? (5).
7 On Avon clumsy boat takes in water (7).
8 Expound significance of sepulchre before opening of tomb (9).
13 Splendid singer in the Spanish provinces (5,6).
14 Mr Chips's art-work? (3,6).
16 Free run to funeral booked by T. Browne (3,6).
18 Flowery tribute to Uncle Toby's man in Connaught (7).
19 Rooms to the west of town (7).
21 Mission fatal for Davy Crockett (5).
23 Art-form used with river scenery (5).
25 Resistance unit finds hospital in order (3).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,897



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Christmas mail

Friday, November 22, is the latest recommended posting date for Christmas cards, letters and parcels by surface routes to most of Europe and the Falklands.

A special leaflet, *Overseas Christmas Mail 1985*, giving details of latest recommended posting dates for Christmas mail by air and sea, is now available free of charge from post offices.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

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TV top ten

National top ten television programmes in the week ending November 10:

BBC 1

1 EastEnders (Thu/Sun), 21.15m
2 EastEnders (Tue/Sun), 17.45m
3 Last of the Summer Wine, 15.25m
4 Allo', Allo' 14.75m
5 The Noel Edmonds Late Night Breakfast Show, 13.05m
6 Juliet Bravo, 13.00m
7 Howards' Way, 12.75m
8 Bob's Full House, 12.55m
9 News, Sport and Weather (Sat 21.15), 12.40m
10 The Paul Daniels Magic Show, 12.35m

ITV

1 Coronation Street (Mon), Granada, 17.40m
2 Coronation Street (Wed), Granada, 15.55m
3 Full House, Thames, 14.60m
4 Operation Julie (Wed), Tyne Tees, 13.60m
5 Girls on Top, Central, 12.95m
6 Crossroads (Tue), Central, 12.85m
7 The A-Team (except C.S.), ITV, 12.80m
8 Crossroads (Thu), Central, 12.65m
9 Crossroads Revisited, Central, 12.60m
10 Crossroads (Wed), Central, 12.40m
10=Live from Her Majesty's, LWT, 12.40m

BBC 2

1 Fawlty Towers, 12.75m
2 We of the Never Never, 7.75m
3 To The Manor Born, 6.30m
4 Alas Smith and Jones, 6.10m
5 Tarzan and The She-Devil, 5.00m
6 Edge of Darkness, 4.75m
7 The House of Fear, 4.50m
8 Star Trek, 3.95m
8=Flying Leathernecks, 3.95m
10 Going to Pot, 3.90m

Channel 4

1 Brookside (Tue/Sat), 5.75m
2 Brookside (Mon/Sat), 5.40m
3 Man about The House, 4.45m
4 Runners, 4.00m
5 American Football, 3.35m
6 International Gymnastics (Sun 15.30), 3.15m
7 Iceland Breakthrough, 3.10m
8 Countdown (Tue), 2.85m
9 Bewitched, 2.55m
10 A Cry for Love, 2.50m
10=Countdown (Wed), 2.50m

9cb show the following percentages of viewing: Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach – the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time*: Mon to Fri 1.5m (6.8m).
TV-am: *Good Morning Britain*: Mon to Fri 2.4m (9.7m); Sat 2.7m, Sun 1.4m (Sat or Sun (6.7m).

Broadcasters' Audience Research Board.

Parliament today

Commons: (2.30): Okehampton Bypass (Confirmation of Orders) Bill, remaining stages.
Lords (2.30): European Communities (Spanish and Portuguese Accession) Bill, second reading. Atomic Energy Authority Bill, second reading.

Christmas stamps

The 12p Christmas stamp goes on sale today and is one of five special Christmas stamps with the theme of Christmas pantomime.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.29	2.69
Austria Sch	27.25	28.25
Belgium Fr	73.25	74.45
Canada $	2.032	1.942
Denmark Kr	14.00	13.30
Finland Mkk	8.30	7.90
France Fr	11.75	11.21
Germany DM	3.85	3.69
Greece Dr	280.00	250.00
Hong Kong $	11.35	10.88
Ireland Pr	1.253	1.193
Italy Lire	2510.00	2490.00
Japan Yen	306.00	288.00
Netherlands Gld	4.335	4.135
Norway Kr	11.61	11.08
Portugal Esc	242.00	230.00
South Africa Rd	4.00	3.60
Spain Pta	237.50	225.50
Sweden Kr	11.63	11.08
Switzerland Fr	3.17	3.01
USA $	1.495	1.415
Yugoslavia Dnr	640.0	580.0

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 377.1.

London: The *FT* index closed down 3.1 at 1083.0

Roads

The Midlands: M6: Contraflow E of Birmingham between junctions 5 (Castle Bromwich) and 4 (Coleshill); two lanes each way; N and southbound entry slips at junctions 4 and 5 closed at various times.
Wales and West: M4: Two sets of contraflow between junctions 22 and 23 (Chepstow to Magor, Gwent); delays expected eastbound; no westbound exit at these junctions; various slip road restrictions changing frequently. A361: Roadworks by British Telecom, Barnstable, Devon; single line traffic; delays. A55: Contraflow on the St Asaph to Hawarden road at Rhuallt, Clwyd; various roadworks and lane restrictions in the Holywell area where temporary lights control traffic.
The North: M18: Contraflow between junctions 6 (Selby) and 7 (M62) S Yorkshire/Humberside; northbound carriageway closed. A34: Water main work at various points in Congleton town centre, Cheshire; local diversions; traffic controls; severe delays. A19: Contraflow on the Cowbills to Easington road, Co. Durham; northbound entry slip road closed at Littlethorpe; northbound entry slip closed at Easington diversions signed.
Scotland: M8: Contraflow E of junction 3, Livingstone Interchange, Lothian. A74: Closed, northbound from Lesmahogow, Strathclyde, for one mile; contraflow. A77: Various lane closures northbound on the Ayr road from Mearns Cross, Strathclyde.

The papers

The Mirror says: "The only test of the new Ulster agreement is whether it can end or reduce the violence. Unfortunately, there is absolutely no reason to believe it can." The paper adds: "Mrs Thatcher has nearly all of Westminster's politicians on her side largely because all parties have failed over Ireland in the past. But they have failed because they refuse to recognise the heart of the problem, which is the British presence in Ireland. We will not take the first step to peace until that is removed."

The Star, commenting on the Geneva summit, says that the stakes in the East-West power game "have reached proportions almost beyond comprehension". It adds: "One moment of madness and all humanity could all too easily be blasted into oblivion. The shouting must stop and the talking take over."

Anniversaries

Births: Charles I Reigned 1625-49, Dunfermline Castle, 1600; Bertel Thorwaldsen, sculptor, Copenhagen, 1770; Ferdinand de Lesseps, maker of the Suez Canal, Versailles, 1805.

Deaths: Nicholas Poussin, painter, Rome, 1665; Theobald Wolfe Tone, Irish nationalist, Dublin, 1798; Franz Schubert, Vienna, 1828; Sir William Siemens, inventor, London, 1883.

President Lincoln delivered an address at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, 1863.

General Synod

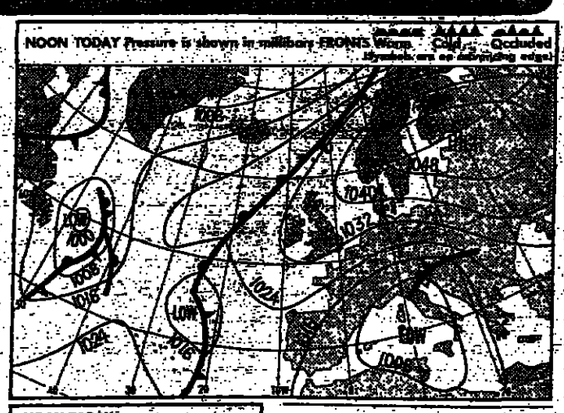
The Fourth General Synod of the Church of England begins today in Church House, Westminster. The Public Gallery will be open as usual throughout the sessions. Sessions open today at 3.15 until 7, tomorrow and Thursday 10 to 1 and 2.30 to 7, Friday 10 to 12.45 and 1.45 to 3.30.

Weather forecast

An intense ridge of high pressure from Scandinavia will maintain a cold NE airstream over much of Britain.

6am to midnight

London, East Anglia, central S England, Channel Islands: Rather cloudy, scattered light snow showers; wind NE fresh; max temp 3C (37F).
SE England: Mostly cloudy, snow showers; wind NE strong; max temp 2C (36F).
Midlands, SW, central N England, Wales: Rather cloudy mostly dry; wind E to NE, light or moderate; max temp 4C (39F).
E, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands: Rather cloudy, isolated showers, wintry on hills; wind mainly NE moderate; max temp 5C (41F).
NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Moray Firth, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals after early freezing fog patches; wind mainly SE light; max temp 6C (43F).
NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Mostly cloudy, a little drizzle in places; wind mainly S, moderate; max temp 8C (48F).
Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Continuing cold with further snow showers, especially in the S and E.
SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind N strong to gale; wintry showers; visibility moderate, locally poor; sea very rough.
St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind E or S moderate; fair; visibility moderate or good; sea slight.





b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-sleet; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction; wind speed (mph) circled. Temperatures centigrade.

Sun rises: 7.25 am
Sun sets: 4.06 pm
Moon rises: 1.47 pm
Moon sets: 11.23 pm
First quarter 9.04 am.

Lighting-up time

London 4.36 pm to 6.57 am
Bristol 4.46 pm to 7.06 am
Edinburgh 4.28 pm to 7.29 am
Manchester 4.38 pm to 7.14 am
Penzance 5.03 pm to 7.13 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

Belfast	c	8	46		
Birmingham	c	4	39		
Blackpool	o	8	43		
Bristol	c	4	39		
Cardiff	c	4	39		
Edinburgh	f	7	45		
Glasgow	f	7	45		
Guernsey	s	8	46		
Inverness	c	11	52		
Jersey	s	7	45		
London	c	6	43		
Manchester	f	7	45		
Newcastle	s	6	41		
Ronaldsway	o	7	45		

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 6C (43F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6 pm, 64 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 4.9hr. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,035.6 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Dishoh, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Anvil Green, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Tiree, 0.25in; highest sunshine: Bognor Regis, 7.8 hr.

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High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.21	6.0	7.02	5.2
Aberdeen	6.46	3.5	7.49	3.5
Avonmouth			12.08	10.1
Belfast	4.00	3.0	4.13	3.3
Cardiff	11.48	9.5		
Devonport	10.33	4.7	11.19	4.3
Dover	3.29	5.7	4.13	5.4
Falmouth	10.03	4.5	10.49	4.1
Glasgow	5.10	4.3	5.31	4.5
Harwich	4.15	3.5	5.04	3.5
Holyhead	9.27	4.5	9.42	4.8
Hull	11.29	5.8	11.53	6.1
Ilfracombe	10.58	7.4	11.33	8.9
Leith	7.49	4.7	8.11	4.8
Liverpool	3.59	7.6	4.24	7.9
Lowestoft	1.26	2.3	3.18	2.2
Margate	4.24	4.1	5.18	4.1
Milford Haven	11.16	5.7	11.59	5.2
Newquay	10.14	5.8	10.52	6.4
Oban	11.34	3.2		
Penzance	9.47	4.7	10.36	4.3
Portland	11.22	1.8		
Portsmouth	4.21	4.2	4.32	3.9
Shoreham	3.49	5.4	4.13	5.0
Southampton	4.00	3.9	4.14	3.7
Swansea	11.16	7.8	11.49	7.1
Tees	9.00	4.4	9.04	4.5
Weston-on-Mare	4.03	3.5	4.52	3.5

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.28ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	2.7	–	7	45	cloudy
Bridlington	2.9	.02	7	45	cloudy
Cromer	4.8	–	6	41	cloudy
Lowestoft	3.2	–	5	41	bright
Clacton	5.8	.01	6	41	sunny
Margate	5.3	–	6	41	bright
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	4.7	–	5	41	sunny pm
Hastings	4.8	–	5	41	sunny
Eastbourne	4.4	–	6	43	bright
Brighton	7.5	–	4	39	sunny
Worthing	6.8	.01	5	41	sunny
Littlehampton	9.7	–	8	46	sunny
Bognor R	7.6	–	8	46	sunny
Southsea	7.2	–	6	43	sunny
Sandown	8.5	–	6	43	sunny
Shanklin	6.4	–	5	41	sunny
Bournemth	4.9	–	5	43	bright
Poole	5.0	–	6	43	bright
Swanage	5.1	–	7	45	cloudy pm
Weymouth	6.1	–	6	43	sunny
Exmouth	6.9	–	6	43	sunny
Teignmouth	6.5	–	7	45	sunny
Torquay	6.1	–	7	45	sunny
Falmouth	3.4	–	8	46	bright
Penzance	6.9	–	9	48	sunny
Jersey	7.4	–	8	46	sunny
Guernsey	8.8	–	8	46	sunny
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	5.9	–	10	50	sunny
Newquay	7.0	–	8	46	sunny
Ilfracombe	–	–	8	43	sunny
Tenby	3.4	–	7	45	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	6.4	–	7	45	sunny
Southport	2.0	.32	7	45	bright
Morecambe	2.0	–	6	43	cloudy
Douglas	–	–	7	45	cloudy
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Cntr)	4.6	–	6	43	bright
B'ham (Airpt)	2.0	–	5	41	bright
Bristol (Cntr)	1.2	–	5	41	fog am
Cardiff (Cntr)	2.9	–	6	43	sunny pm
Anglesey	7.5	–	9	48	sunny
B'pool (Airpt)	2.3	–	9	48	sunny
Manchester	3.7	–	7	45	bright pm
Nottingham	1.3	–	5	41	bright
Newcastle	0.5	–	6	43	fog am
Carlisle	4.4	–	7	45	bright
SCOTLAND					
Edinburgh	1.3	–	5	41	bright
Prestwick	3.4	–	8	46	cloudy
Glasgow	1.5	–	8	46	cloudy
Tiree	–	.26	10	50	rain am
Stornoway	–	–	10	50	drizzle
Lerwick	–	.02	9	48	rain pm
Wick	1.6	.03	9	48	rain am
Kinloss	–	–	10	50	cloudy
Aberdeen	0.4	–	8	46	cloudy
St Andrews	1.6	–	8	48	bright
Edinburgh	2.4	–	8	48	bright
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	0.2	–	8	46	dull

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Alicante	f	16	61	Cologne	r	2	36	Majorca	d	10	50
Algiers	s	24	75	Copenhgn	sn	0	32	Malaga	f	17	63
Alexandria	f	27	81	Corfu	c	19	66	Malta	f	23	73
Algiers	c	17	63	Dublin	r	9	48	Melbourne	c	15	59
Amsterdam	f	1	34	Dubrovnik	r	14	57	Mexico C	s	18	64
Athens	f	17	63	Faro	s	17	63	Miami	c	27	81
Bahrain	s	25	79	Florence	f	5	41	Milan	o	3	37
Barbados	c	28	82	Frankfurt	f	0	32	Montreal			
Barcelona	f	10	50	Funchal	f	21	70	Moscow	sn	–6	21
Beirut				Geneva	c	–2	28	Munich	c	–5	23
Belgrade	sn	–1	30	Gibraltar	f	17	63	Nairobi	f	26	77
Berlin	f	–2	28	Helsinki	c	–3	27	Naples	f	15	59
Bermuda	f	23	73	Hong Kong	s	28	75	New Delhi	s	24	75
Biarritz	c	8	43	Innsbruck	o	–4	25	New York	s	13	55
Bologna	s	0	32	Istanbul	c	11	52	Nice	s	16	61
Bordeaux	f	2	36	Jakarta	t	22	72	Oslo	sn	–1	30
Brussels	s	1	34	Jo'burg	s	23	77	Paris	f	1	34
Budapest	f	0	32	Karachi	s	29	84	Peking	s	1	34
Buen Aires				Las Palmas	f	23	66	Perth	s	28	84
Cairo	s	27	81	Lisbon	s	12	54	Prague	c	1	34
Cape Tn	s	32	90	Locarno	c	4	39	Reykjavik	f	2	36
Chicago	s	3	37	L'Angeles	s	17	63	Rhodes	s	21	70
Colombo	f	29	84	Luxembg	s	–1	30	Rio de Jan	o	22	72
Churchill	c	16	61	Madrid	s	13	55	Rome	c	11	52
								Salzburg	c	–3	27
								Sao Paulo	s	24	99
								S Francisco	s	12	54
								Santiago	s	30	86
								Seoul	f	4	39
								Singapore	f	32	90
								Stockholm	c	–1	30
								Strasbourg	s	–1	34
								Sydney	f	19	66
								Tangier	f	19	66
								Tel Aviv	s	28	82
								Tenerife	c	20	68
								Tokyo	s	16	61
								Toronto	s	1	34
								Tunis	f	21	70
								Valencia	s	14	57
								Vancouver	s	–5	41
								Venice	c	3	37
								Vienna	f	–3	27
								Warsaw	o	–5	23
								Washington	f	16	61
								Wellington	f	17	63
								Zurich	sn	–4	25

